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Thatcher makes her return to a fortress-like Brighton

Ex-ministers warn Lawson on inflation

Defiant Conservatives arrived in Brighton last night for their conference amid the tightest anti-terrorist security.

Mr Leon Brittan urged the Chancellor to restrain public spending or risk losing the City's confidence.

The conference starts today with two former Treasury ministers voicing growing concern about the economy.

Mr John Biffen attacked the Budget and said the Chancellor's reaction to his critics was "petulant" (Page 18).

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Conservative leaders yesterday broadcast their defiance of the IRA on the eve of their conference, opening today in a fortress-like Brighton.

Sir Ian Mcdonnell, the conference chairman, declared: "This is the safest place in England."

Mr Peter Brooke, the party chairman, said: "The Tory party was absolutely right to come back. In any way we were separated from the great centres of population then the terrorists would have won and democracy would have lost."

But amid the emotion of the conference's return to Brighton, growing political worries among Tory supporters about the course of the economy were voiced by two influential former Treasury ministers.

Mr Leon Brittan and Mr

John Biffen called on Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to make a priority of fighting rising inflation, even if he had to sacrifice future tax cuts to do it.

Mr Brittan, who is shortly to take up his post as one of Britain's EEC commissioners, issued a warning in a speech in Cardiff that "the present rise in inflation is rightly seen as a potentially dangerous threat to the dramatic progress we have made. Curbing the inflationary trend must be our highest priority."

Mr Biffen, former Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said that interest rates would have to be kept high for "quite a

The Conservative Party is on course to sign up 100,000 new members as a result of its latest recruitment drive, according to party sources. Such a figure would increase the party's total strength of about one million by 10 per cent and would give a much needed boost to its funds. Page 6

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Mr Biffen said that the Government's handling of the economy was to be maintained, they had to keep a tight lid on public spending.

Mr John Major, the present Chief Secretary, is expected in Brighton to meet Cabinet colleagues pressing for increased spending plans for their departments.

Mr Brittan intensified the pressure on Mr Major by saying that the next economic signal would be the autumn statement detailing spending plans and declaring a firm refusal to boost public spending is absolutely essential.

Mr Brittan said that the Government would have to keep rigidly to existing public spending plans, "not yielding to those who think that increased tax revenues justify increased spending."

Mr Brittan said that higher interest rates were "at the moment" the only tool the Government was using to curb inflation. If those rates and a tough line on expenditure failed to do the trick in curbing inflation, then next spring the Chancellor should

not hesitate to take "direct action" to curb consumer credit. So far Treasury ministers have set their face firmly against such measures as curbs on bank lending and hire purchase.

Mr Brittan insisted that the Chancellor should not feel "irrevocably committed" to further tax cuts. "Fiscal prudence must come first. Forgoing tax cuts may sometimes be the wise course to follow, for it may enable sound growth to continue, and if that happens the scope for subsequent tax cuts will be all the greater."

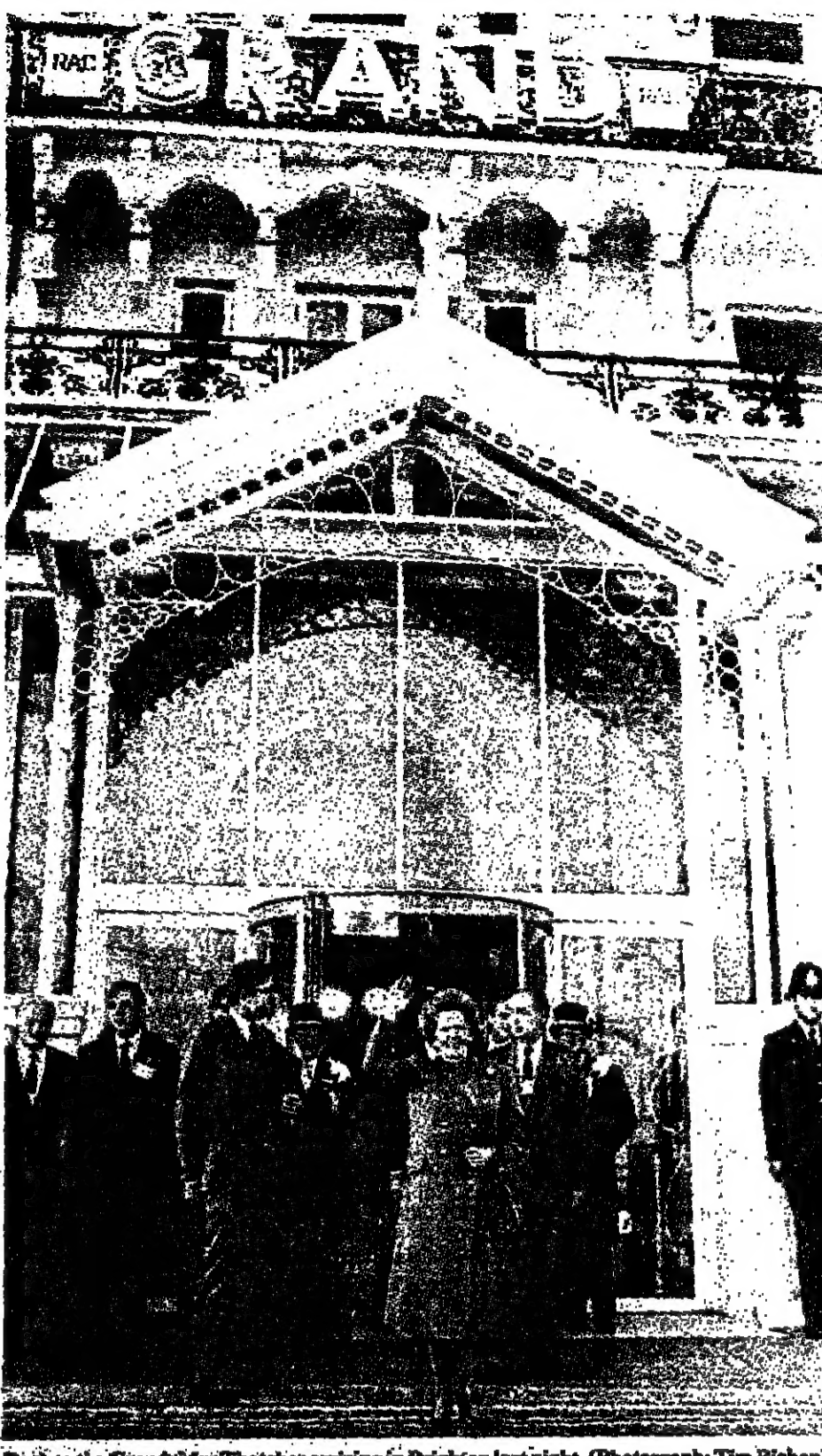
In an article in *The Times* today Mr Biffen criticizes this year's Budget for ignoring inflationary dangers. He calls the Chancellor's reaction to his critics "petulant".

Mr Biffen calls the Chancellor's tax cuts and his expressed intention of cutting the standard rate of income tax further from 25p to 20p "highly questionable".

But last night economic worries were put aside, if briefly, as Mrs Margaret Thatcher stood in front of the Grand Hotel, where five people were killed and 31 injured in the IRA explosion on October 12, 1984.

Asked if her return was a deliberate stand against terrorism, Mrs Thatcher said that the deliberate stand had been made when she and her ministers had gone on the platform on the morning after the bombing outrage.

"Of course after the way in which the staff so bravely stood by us four years ago we could not possibly have gone anywhere else."



Back to the Grand: Mrs Thatcher arriving in Brighton last night. (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Labour's autumn offensive

Party covers for sick Smith

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Mr John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, is not expected to resume his full front bench duties until the new year after his heart attack on Sunday.

The Labour leadership is planning its tactics for an offensive against the Government's running of the economy on the basis that one of its most effective parliamentary performers will be absent. Mr Neil Kinnock, the

Labour leader, has no plans to make any formal changes to the party's Treasury team but Mr Gordon Brown, the shadow Chief Secretary, will take a key role spearheading the attack. Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy party leader, and Mr Bryan Gould, shadow Trade and Industry spokesman, will also be more involved in Treasury affairs. Yesterday Mr Brown warned that public

services must not become victims of the Chancellor's economic incompetence. He urged ministers to stand up to the Chancellor in talks on funding for their individual departments.

Yesterday Mr Smith, aged 50, who is the MP for Monklands East, was in a "stable" condition in the coronary care unit at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

'IRA had plot to kill Tom King'

IRA terrorists were planning to murder Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when they were caught spying on him in the grounds of his country estate near Chippenham, Wiltshire, it was alleged yesterday.

Winchester Crown Court was told that the plot was foiled by Miss Elisa King, aged 25, the MP's daughter. She was out riding, saw two alleged terrorists, and alerted police.

The trial of three alleged terrorists was also told that a room had been booked by one of them in a hotel in Blackpool only two weeks before the start of the Conservative Party conference there last year.

Finbarr Cullen, aged 27, John McCann, aged 24, and Martina Shanahan, aged 22, deny conspiring to murder Mr King and other persons unknown.

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Satellite channels to cut advert costs

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Sky Television, Britain's first direct-to-home satellite broadcasting venture, has guaranteed that its advertising charges will be at least 25 per cent below those offered by independent television companies.

In some cases, advertisers will be able to reach viewers at half the cost charged by existing commercial stations when Sky's four new channels are launched next February.

The pledge to undercut independent television rates came as Mr Rupert Murdoch confirmed that viewers of one, and possibly two, of the Sky Television channels will have to pay to receive programmes within months of next year's launch.

In June, Mr Murdoch announced that British viewers would be able to receive Sky Channel, Sky Movies, Sky Television News and Euro-

sport free on existing television sets by means of a satellite dish and receiving equipment costing £199.

But opposition from Hollywood film moguls has led Sky Television officials to decide that the new film channel will operate on a pay-as-you-view basis from July, rather than a

year later. Mr Murdoch is considering the possibility of a similar subscription payment scheme for the sports channel.

Mr Murdoch, chief executive of News International, told leading advertisers and agency chiefs in London yesterday: "The communications revolution is here. We are seeing the dawn of a new age in this country of freedom for viewing, and freedom for advertising; one of individual

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10 more die as Islamic crowd clashes with Algiers troops

From Christopher Walker, Algiers

Ten people were reported dead as thousands of chanting Algerian youths, many in traditional white Islamic robes, defied a martial law ban yesterday to stage protest marches in the capital hours before the embattled President Chadli Benjedid was due to make a televised emergency address to the nation.

The latest demonstrations were seen in diplomatic circles as a new attempt by the growing Islamic fundamentalist opposition in Algeria to force the President either to stand down or to announce a radical series of economic and social reforms.

Heavy bursts of machine-gun and automatic fire could be heard as some of the marchers neared the city centre, and Western sources said that they had dispersed there, only to regroup later. After more shooting, many ambulances could be heard racing through the streets, and there were reports that members of the crowd had been killed and wounded.

Initial reports said that at least 10 people had died when the Army clashed with demonstrators in the working-class suburb of Bab-el Oued, where the present unrest began with riots last Tuesday night.

Troops and helmeted riot police were on maximum alert, and by early afternoon the shops and offices undamaged in recent rioting were shuttered in anticipation of a violent reaction if the presidential speech failed to meet the protesters' expectations. Yesterday's demonstrations began after a meeting at a mosque in the poor suburb of Belcourt, one of the areas where damage to property has been greatest. One marcher said: "We were told by the imams to save our anger until we could see what the Presi-

dent would announce in his speech."

President Chadli has kept a remarkably low profile since the rioting began in Algiers a week ago and rapidly spread throughout the country. There has been repeated speculation about his political future, with some Western governments convinced that he is not in a position to offer sufficient change at a quick enough pace to end the discontent.

The Government tried yesterday to prevent journalists leaving their hotel to cover the disturbances and a number of correspondents were arrested, including camera teams from both the BBC and ITN.

Young Algerians on the streets vowed that they would

Chadli censorship. Page 8

continue their protests until the President stood down and some form of democratic constitution was introduced to replace rule by the present single legalized party, the National Liberation Front.

As tension in the city of 2.5 million reached a new peak, senior officials at the British Embassy were reviewing contingency plans to ensure the safety of the 400-strong British community in Algiers. No details were available of how residents would be evacuated if the security situation deteriorates further in the wake of the speech.

One Western source said: "The address has come to look like make-or-break for the President. And the pressure from the streets has only increased his problems."

Although official censorship has covered up the full extent of both the casualties and the cost of the uprising, Western sources conservatively put the damage, as well in excess of £250 million.

Surprise resignation by Premier in Prague

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Lubomir Strougal, the Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia, and Mr Peter Colotka, the Slovak Prime Minister and one of his deputies, resigned yesterday.

Mr Strougal was renowned as a reformer in Prague's generally conservative leadership. There had been speculation about his political future as a result of his barely concealed row with Mr Vasil

Biľak, a Politburo hardliner, about the pace and scope of economic reform.

Czechoslovakia's leadership publicly embraced Soviet-style reforms shortly before President Gorbachev visited the country last year. But changes to bring flexibility to Czechoslovakia's stagnating economy have come slowly.

Western diplomats based in

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WIN £258,000

Portfolio PLUS Accumulator

Yesterday's £4,000 daily prize was not claimed, so today's Portfolio Accumulator rises to £258,000. Game: page 31

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Lyle world match play champion

Sandy Lyle, of Scotland, won the Suntory World Match Play Golf Championship at Wentworth yesterday, beating Nick Faldo, two and one in the final. He collected 12 birdies and one eagle on the West Course in a dramatic match of fluctuating fortunes.

The £75,000 prize took his winnings for the season to more than \$1 million. Page 46

Papua moves on ConsGold

The Papua New Guinea government yesterday said it would order a sale to remove any South African connections in its richest mine if Minoro wins its £2.9 billion bid for Consolidated Gold Fields.

The country's Pongara gold mining project is partly owned by an associate of ConsGold. Page 25

Davis dropped

Bobby Robson, the England manager, has dropped Paul Davis, of Arsenal, following disciplinary action taken against the player by the Football Association. Page 46

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Thatcher pledges 'no cover-up on Clowes'

By Lawrence Laver

The Prime Minister has pledged there will be no cover-up over the collapse of the Barlow Clowes financial group, which has left 18,000 investors facing losses of £100 million in life savings.

In her first published comments on the Barlow Clowes affair, Mrs Thatcher said she found the concern of the investors over the fate of their savings "deeply distressing."

"I assure you that there is no intention to cover up anything, and my concern is to have matters clarified as soon as possible," she said in a

letter to Mr Alf Morris, the Labour MP for Wythenshawe, Manchester, which Mr Morris made public yesterday.

The Prime Minister's remarks come as Barlow Clowes investors begin lobbying the Conservative Party conference, and they will hand out leaflets at Brighton today in their campaign.

However, senior government sources moved yesterday to dampen speculation that the Government would volunteer compensation to Barlow Clowes investors.

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£37,000 property doubles in price overnight

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

A country rectory, "dabbling" for the first time in the property market, saw the church school which he sold nearly double in price overnight - to the dismay of the patron of the living, the Duke of Rutland.

The school, at Foston, Lincolnshire, was sold by the Reverend Ron Amis for £37,000. It went on the market the next day for £59,950. The new agents, Prudential, describe it as "a superb opportunity" to acquire a period home, and say that the rectory could have sold for much more although renovation work will cost a further £20,000.

"I have contacted my estate agent



Overnight, this empty school apparently increased in value by £32,950

and asked him to look into the matter," the Duke said last night. "It looks like someone has pulled a fast one on us."

The buyers were business partners Mr Chris Douglas and Ms Denise

Paine who put the old school back on the market the day after they bought it. "They are simply taking advantage of owning a property in a boom area where house prices are soaring. They have decided to hold out for a higher

price because they know they can get it," a Prudential spokeswoman said. Mr Amis said "It has been my first and last dabble on the property market. I just cannot understand where I went wrong. I sought the advice of estate agents on the Church's advisory committee and they said I had sold it for a realistic sum."

He sold it because the school, built in the 19th century, was closed earlier this year due to falling rolls. A condition of the sale was that it should be used for domestic purposes.

The agent who handled the sale, Mr John Strawn, believed the new asking price to be particularly high, but admitted that it might be achieved because of the boom in the area.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Piggott released for four days

Lester Piggott, the former champion jockey, was released from Highpoint prison in Suffolk yesterday for four days' home leave, pending his parole later this month.

The Home Office said last night that such a release was normal procedure. "The idea is to give a person approaching parole two clear days of home leave to help him adjust and to enable him to sort out any problems."

Piggott, aged 52, was expected to stay at his home in Newmarket, where his wife, Susan, is still recuperating from serious injuries sustained in a riding accident during the summer.

It is the fourth time he has been released from prison since being sentenced to three years last October for tax fraud. He twice visited his wife and was released after his father suffered a heart attack.

Three die in crash

Three people died and two others were injured when a lorry ploughed into their car which had broken down in the central lane of the M6 motorway, near Knutsford, Cheshire, early yesterday. Mrs Mahfoza Mahmood, aged 30, and her son Aqeel, aged four, were recovering from head injuries at Leighton Hospital, Crewe, last night. The dead were Mr Ahmed Mahmood, her husband, aged 41, her elder son, Faisal, aged eight, from Green Lane, Small Heath, Birmingham, and Mrs Zainab Bibi, the boys' grandmother, who was on a visit from Pakistan.

600 furniture jobs

Six hundred jobs are to be created in Newport, Gwent, in a £14 million investment by a leading British firm of office furniture makers. Bisley Office Equipment Ltd, in Surrey, will move on to a 12-acre site to manufacture a new range of office furniture designed around computers. The company, which specializes in steel storage equipment, aims to expand its range of products before the single European market comes into operation in 1992.

Ordnance campaign

Thousands of workers at the two Royal Ordnance factories due to close or stop production voted yesterday for a campaign to defend their jobs which could lead to industrial action. The mass meetings followed an announcement by union leaders that shop stewards in the company's 16 sites will be asked if their members support industrial action. Management plans to close the Patricroft munitions factory in Lancashire in 1990 and stop producing propellants and explosives at Sishopton in Strathclyde in 1991.

Test case on training

Liverpool City Council expects to be taken to the House of Lords if a High Court judge decides next month it is within the law in instructing its officials to act against organizations which have decided to co-operate with the Government's £1.4 billion Employment Training Scheme. Next month's hearing will be regarded as a test case by local authorities throughout the country which have decided not to co-operate with the scheme.

Call for death inquiry

The family of a man alleged to have drowned in a cemetery culvert while fleeing from drugs squad officers yesterday called on police to give a full explanation of what happened. The body of Michael Hook, aged 22, was found face-down in the culvert after he had jumped over a 6ft wall into Gloucester cemetery. Mr Hook, of Cromwell Street, Gloucester, fled from a house in the city's Painswick Road when it was raided. His brother Andrew said: "We want to know why the police went to this house and what happened there."

Breath-test case verdict overruled

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A drink-drive suspect should have been convicted of refusing to take a breath test, even though magistrates had decided he was not the driver of the car, the High Court ruled yesterday.

Lord Justice Watkins, sitting with Mr Justice May, said magistrates at Droitwich, Hereford and Worcester, fell into "serious error" in acquitting Mr Ronald Redling.

Refusal of a lawful breath test request by a police officer who was reasonably suspicious that a drink-drive offence had been committed made a person liable to prosecution, the judges said.

They allowed an appeal by the prosecution and ordered the Droitwich magistrates to convict Mr Redling, of Albert Street, Droitwich.

The fact that the magistrates decided that Mr Redling was not the driver at the time of the suspected offence was "wholly irrelevant" and did not allow them to acquit him on the basis that he had a reasonable excuse for refusing to provide a breath specimen, it was ruled.

Yesterday Mr Neil McKinnick, clerk to the Peterborough justices, and co-editor of the standard work, *Wilkinson's Road Traffic Offences*, said the decision did not appear to offer any surprises.

He said he had always believed it to be the case that a breath test could be required from someone whom police reasonably believed could have been driving.

Other sixth-round results were:

Andrei Sokolov (Soviet Union) beat Marger Petrusson (Iceland); Viktor Korchnoi (Switzerland) beat Zoltan Ribli (Hungary); John Nunn (England) drew with Jonathan Speelman (England); Boris Spassky (France) drew with

Ulf Andersson (Sweden).

Artur Juspov (Soviet Union) beat Alexander Belyavsky (Soviet Union); Jan Timman (The Netherlands) beat Predrag Nikolic (Yugoslavia).

Gyula Sax (Hungary) beat Jaan Ehvest (Soviet Union); Garri Kasparov (Soviet Union) beat Johann Hjartarson (Iceland).

The points table is now led by Tal, with 4.5, and Belyavsky, Juspov and Kasparov, each on 4.

Estate 'spies' plotted to kill minister, court told

By Michael Horsnell

An IRA plot to murder Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, was concocted by three Irish terrorists, two of whom were caught spying on him at his country estate in Wiltshire last year, a court was told yesterday.

Finbarr Cullen, aged 27, one of the defendants on trial at Winchester Crown Court, is also alleged to have booked a room at a Blackpool hotel just two weeks before the start of the 1987 Conservative Party conference.

Addresses of military weapons stores and of three Conservative offices in Somerset, where Mr King is an MP, were found by police, the court was told.

However, the alleged plot to murder Mr King and other unknown persons was foiled by his daughter, Elisa, aged 25, who saw two of the accused on the family's

huge estate at Ford, near Chippenham, while she was horseshoeing.

Mr Alan Rawley, QC, counsel for the prosecution, said: "Three members of an Irish terrorist organization set out to spy upon Tom King, to find out what vehicles he used, find out his movements, find out whether it was a feasible proposition to do him to death by shooting him."

"But of course we know there is another method to dispose of someone politically hated by the Provisional IRA. It is to set a bomb in his car. When he turns the ignition on, up goes the car, up he goes."

John McCann, aged 24, from Sandymount, Dublin; Martin Shanahan, aged 22, of Rothbarham, Dublin; and Mr Cullen, of Maynooth, Co Kildare, have denied conspiring to murder Mr King and other unknown people between May 1 and August 31 last year.

Amid tight security, a jury of nine men and three women were sworn in from a panel of 71 who were all brought into court beforehand to be collectively asked by the judge, Mr Justice Swinton Thomas, five questions.

The judge asked whether any had served in the armed forces in the past 15 years; whether they had any close relatives in the services; whether they or close relatives worked for any business supplying or associated with the military establishment; whether any had been in the vicinity of a bomb explosion in the past 15 years; and whether they could judge the case in an unbiased manner.

Nine left the court after indicating that they could answer yes to one of more of the questions.

Mr Rawley told the court that on August 30 last year, Mr King and his wife, Elizabeth, left their estate for a

holiday, leaving behind their daughter, who lived in a cottage in the grounds. That morning she and a friend went riding and about three-quarters of a mile from the house they saw two figures sitting on a broken section of a dry stone wall.

"Neither of the two acknowledged Miss King's presence, which is somewhat unusual in the country, so when she got back to the house she alerted police officers on security duty there."

Two armed officers drove to the spot and approached Mr Cullen, who gave a false name, and Martin Shanahan, who also used an alias.

The officers at first thought they were dealing with poachers. Inside a rucksack they found two pairs of binoculars, a first aid kit and a black plastic dustbin liner, the court was told.

Neither could prove their identity, so checks were made. Mr

Cullen's false name was registered on the police computer.

Interviewed separately, the pair gave different accounts of how they came to be on the estate and then refused to answer further questions. Both were detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

A blank notebook was found in Mr Cullen's rucksack. However, indications on it showed a series of registration numbers of cars used by Mr King, his family and protection staff, the court was told. The missing page was subsequently found in a tent at a camp site at Wookey Hole, near Wells, Somerset.

Police lay in wait at the site for a third person, and at 5.30pm on August 30, Mr McCann walked up to the tent where his two alleged colleagues had been staying and was arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

The trial continues today.

Clarke bars extra funding for nurses hired after March

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Health authorities have been warned that the Government will not provide extra money for nursing posts established since March 31.

On the eve of talks between nurses' union leaders and the management side, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, made it clear that authorities would only be funded for staff in post on March 31.

He indicated that any nurses that have been recruited for new hospital developments since then will not be considered in assessing the case for more money for the award.

Similarly posts which were vacant on March 31, due to recruitment or financial difficulties, would not be funded.

Speaking on Independent Television News at One Mr Clarke refused to confirm that the revised costings of the clinical grading review submitted to the Department of Health on Friday were still higher than the £803 million already awarded.

"Nobody knows," he said. "But we are not going to have people altering the agreement or claiming money they know perfectly well the Government was not committed to in

April."

The Department of Health last night confirmed that the funding would apply only to nurses on the payroll on March 31.

The Royal College of Nursing said that March 31 was the worst date to take a snapshot of staffing levels as authorities were often leaving posts open to balance their budgets at the end of a financial year.

"Mr Clarke has taken a harsh stand. The result can only be detrimental to patients as it will penalize authorities with recruitment problems."

Mr Clarke is still expected to announce more money for the nurses in his speech to the Conservative conference in Brighton on Thursday, based on the revised returns which officials were working on at the weekend.

The new returns are understood to show that regions have been able to bring down the overall cost of the grading exercise although extra money will still be needed.

However the chairman of the staff side of the nurses and midwives negotiating council, Mr Hector MacKenzie, said that he suspected that any extra money would be "too little and too late".

Tuned for victory



Sury Whang, aged 17, from Hong Kong, one of 20 hopeful young musicians taking part in the Carl Flesch International Violin Competition which starts at the Barber-Sanger Hall in east London today (Photograph: Adrian Brooks).

Institute calls for transport investment

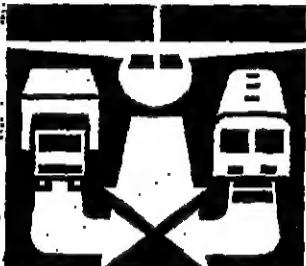
By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Britain's transport systems are "often shabby, congested and no better than 50 years ago", the Chartered Institute of Transport said yesterday, announcing a campaign for increased investment.

Mr Alastair Fugh, delivering his inaugural address as president of the institute, called on its 20,000 members to rebel against the "systems' inadequacies".

"Because of congestion and overcrowding, urban travel speeds of 8 to 12mph in the centre of London are no better than 50 years ago", he told his audience, including the Princess Royal, the organization's honorary president.

"Airport delays are a normal feature of summer week-



end travel and dirty and scruffy facilities are altogether too common."

He said customer satisfaction was nearer to "resigned acceptance" than enthusiasm.

The role of private-sector investment in transport was of increasing importance, but commitment of public funds to transport was essential, even for a government committed to market forces.

Most people would concede that privatization, competition and the interplay of market forces had worked well for airlines and long-distance coaches.

"But it is doubtful whether market mechanisms can ever solve the problems of urban roads, commuter rail in the South-east, airports, or traffic control. These are areas where market mechanisms are ineffective", he said.

The Government had to be persuaded to redefine its role in those areas. Investment in the transport infrastructure, other than roads, had failed to keep pace with inflation, he said. The price of improvement was more investment. The shortfall in cash for an adequate infrastructure had led to congestion, delays, frustration and protest.

The institute's campaign will take the form of preparing recommendations on transport issues for the Department of Transport and others, and a series of lectures, leading to a conference next May on congestion.

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Satellite television

Sugar's pledge on system

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Mr Alan Sugar, chairman of Amstrad, yesterday promised to pay with £1 million if he is proved wrong in a dispute over television transmission standards.

The dispute, which has resulted in a series of press advertisements attacking Mr Sugar, involves claims made for the differing transmission systems to be used by two satellite television companies.

Sky Television, owned by Mr Rupert Murdoch, plans to use the existing transmission system - known as Pal - which is compatible with existing television sets, to beam four new channels into British homes from next February. However British Satellite Broadcasting, which is launching three new channels

in September, intends to use D-Mac, which boasts better picture quality.

Mr Sugar, who is making receiving equipment for Mr Murdoch's channels, issued a challenge in June for anyone to provide a better picture than that now available on traditional television sets.

Pointing to a television set in his office, he said: "I'll offer £1 million to anyone who can make a better picture than that. D-Mac television sets haven't even been developed yet."

BSB subsequently showed how a conventional television set equipped with a Euroconnector could receive D-Mac signals and offer an improved picture. In recent days BSB has run full-page advertisements in national newspapers

saying: "Dear Alan, Looks like your Pal just cost you a million". The advertisements called on Mr Sugar to send £1 million to the charity of his choice.

Mr Sugarsaid: "I will give £1 million to anyone who can improve the picture on the television I pointed at. This television is in my office. The picture on my set and more importantly on 95 per cent of the televisions used in the UK cannot be improved with any system."

Mr Anthony Simmonds-Gooding, BSB's chief executive, said Mr Sugar was trying to wriggle out of his bet. "When he made it, he made no reference to a particular television in his office."

Gallantry awards for Ulster soldiers

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

Seven Army bomb disposal men, serving in Northern Ireland, have been awarded gallantry medals in the latest list published by the Ministry of Defence yesterday.

The awards include an OBE for Lieut Colonel Hugh Heap, who was until recently the Army's chief munitions technical officer in Northern Ireland.

In November last year, after the Enniskillen bomb outrage in which 11 people were killed by the IRA, Colonel Heap provided proof that the terrorists had murdered the civilians by using an advanced timing device for the bomb.

The IRA had claimed that the bomb, which went off on Remembrance Day, as the community was gathering for

a parade, was detonated accidentally by the security forces jamming equipment.

Colonel Heap said at the time: "The excellent forensic work quite conclusively indicates that this was not a timer or a radio-controlled device."

The other bomb disposal experts named, all members of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, are Warrant Officer Geoffrey Chudley (MBE), Capt Shaun Dowd, Warrant Officer Michael Finn, Staff Sgt Stuart Hooper (Queen's Gallantry Medal); Capt David Hopps, and Staff Sergeant Norman MacDonald (Mention In Despatches).

The Army bomb disposal units have dealt with more than 4,000 explosive devices.

Tal moves into narrow World Cup chess lead

Mikhail Tal, of the Soviet Union, beat Lajos Portisch, of Hungary, in the sixth round of the World Cup chess tournament in Reykjavik to take the lead in points.

Other sixth-round results were:

Andrei Sokolov (Soviet Union) beat Marger Petrusson (Iceland); Viktor Korchnoi (Switzerland) beat Zoltan Ribli (Hungary); John Nunn (England) drew with Jonathan Speelman (England); Boris Spassky (France) drew with

Ulf Andersson (Sweden).

Artur Juspov (Soviet Union) beat Alexander Belyavsky (Soviet Union); Jan Timman (The Netherlands) beat Predrag Nikolic (Yugoslavia).

Gyula Sax (Hungary) beat Jaan Ehvest (Soviet Union); Garri Kasparov (Soviet Union) beat Johann Hjartarson (Iceland).

The points table is now led by Tal, with 4.5, and Belyavsky, Juspov and Kasparov, each on 4.

Intervention is blamed for unemployment

By Our Employment Affairs Correspondent

Unemployment is the result of decades of well-meant but misguided government intervention which has deterred businesses from creating jobs and made it disadvantageous for the unemployed to take them, according to a report published yesterday.

Mr Robert Miller of the Economic Research Foundation said the most damaging intervention had been carried out with a view to protecting the low wage earner.

"Minimum wage regulations, rent control, trade

union rights and heavy taxation of low incomes have had the unintended effect of making it much harder for the unemployed to find work", he said in the report.

He said that if employment was to be tackled, sacrifices would have to be made by politicians in eschewing discretionary interference in the economy.

The "lucky insiders" in the labour market would have to give up advantages if the "unlucky outsiders" were to find work.

Court orders extradition

By Jamie Dettmer, Irish Affairs Correspondent

Anglo-Irish security co-operation received a boost yesterday when a district court in the Irish Republic ordered the extradition of James Pius Clarke, an IRA terrorist.

The order breaks the recent run of legal mishaps and disputes between London and Dublin which have bedevilled Anglo-Irish extradition arrangements. It will also go some way towards appeasing British annoyance over the release by the Irish police last week of Patrick McVeigh, a top IRA terrorist.

A small group of vociferous IRA supporters demonstrated outside Portlaoise district

court during the two-hour extradition hearing. The case was expected to take two days and the speed of the ruling took the demonstrators by surprise.

Clarke, who escaped from the Maze prison in the mass breakout in 1983, was immediately taken back to Portlaoise prison under armed guard.

He has 15 days to appeal to the High Court against the extradition ruling, a process which can take up to six months.

If Clarke loses the appeal and is returned to Northern Ireland he will become the

first person born and living in the Irish Republic to be extradited under the eight-month-old extradition arrangements between London and Dublin.

Clarke, from Letterkenny, Co Donegal, is wanted on 17 warrants by the RUC. He escaped from the Maze prison five years ago while serving an 18-year sentence for the attempted murder of a soldier in the Ulster Defence Regiment.

Britain's extradition request for Clarke was disrupted last month when his counsel withdrew from the case following a dispute with the Irish Attorney General over fees.

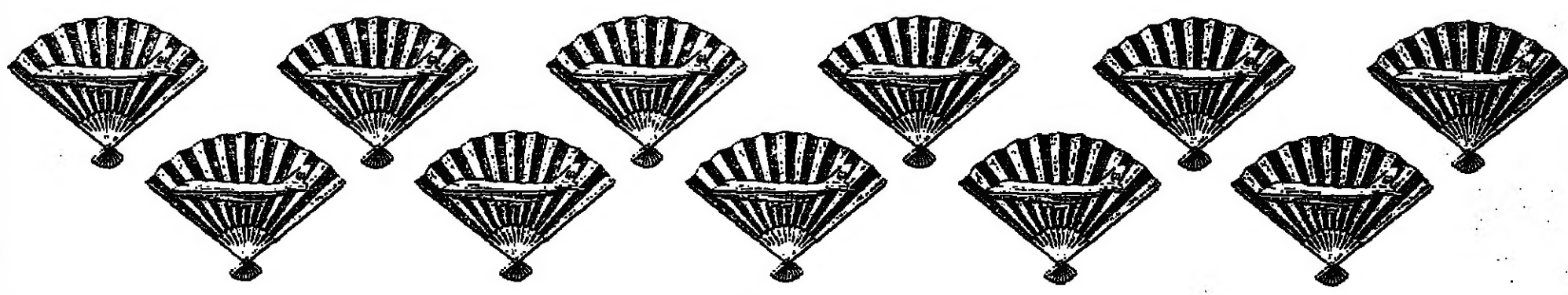
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Pharmacist 'sold steroids to clubs for body building'

By Andrew Morgan

A pharmacist from east London admitted selling two forms of anabolic steroids without prescription to body builders from gyms in the London area, a disciplinary hearing was told yesterday.

The statutory committee of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society was told that Mr Halil Ozdemir, aged 33, was supplied by wholesalers with 74 bottles of 100 Anapolon 50mg tablets and 275 vials of Somatomorm Injection between June 1986 and October 21, 1987.

But it was alleged that Mr Ozdemir, who runs the Woodside Pharmacy in Leytonstone High Street, east London, could not account for at least 34 bottles of 100 Anapolon 50mg tablets and at least 187 vials of Somatomorm Injection.

The committee, with Judge Sutcliffe, QC, as chairman, was told that the society's inspectors visited the pharmacy last October. It was claimed that Mr Ozdemir had sold the Anapolon at £58 per 100 tablets and the Somatomorm Injection at £34 per vial to raise cash to buy the freehold on his pharmacy.

Later, however, the hearing was told that Mr Ozdemir wrote to the society claiming that he had never admitted selling the drugs to body builders without a prescription, but sent them to a private hospital at Gize (formerly Kyrenia) in the Turkish zone of Cyprus, where drugs were harder to obtain, to treat blood disorders. He furnished letters to that effect.

Mr George Norris, an inspector of the society, said

that he had visited the pharmacy last October "after complaints" and inspected the books of two drugs wholesalers which showed they had supplied Mr Ozdemir with 30 bottles of 100 Anapolon 50mg tablets and about 80 vials of Somatomorm Injection.

No loss of stock had been recorded but no Anapolon was found and only three vials of Somatomorm Injection were in the refrigerator. None of the private prescription forms showed any record of Anapolon tablets or Somatomorm injections, nor did the prescription book show any had been supplied.

Asked what Mr Ozdemir had been doing with the drugs, Mr Norris said he told him: "On prescription and to gym owners". He had sold them for several months but had stopped at Christmas 1986.

Mr Norris said the pharmacist said that the drugs had been sold to gymnasium owners with prescriptions, but there were no forms to confirm this.

The committee, comprising five pharmacists, was told that Mr Ozdemir claimed to have supplied the steroids to Mr Malcolm Brown, of the His And Hers Fitness Studio in Tilbury, Essex, — who denied the allegation yesterday — as well as to the Hyams Gymnasium in Leytonstone, east London, and to a Mr Alan Talbot, a body builder from Stamford in east London.

Mr Ozdemir allegedly said that Mr Brown telephoned him "as he needed it" and the pharmacist placed an order with the wholesalers, MacCarthy's of Harold Hill, east London, and Unichem

Ltd. Mr Norris said that the pharmacist told him that he had supplied the drugs because "they are people who know how to use these medicines".

In his evidence, Mr Ozdemir said that he had supplied one London body builder with steroids on a private prescription. The remainder had been sent to Turkish Cyprus, latterly with the help of a north London doctor who wrote out a prescription on behalf of the hospital, after Mr Ozdemir believed that the scale of demand was mounting too much.

He said that he obtained the steroids, among several other drugs, as a response to a plea for medication from a Turkish Cypriot doctor he met six years ago on the island.

"I tried to help as much as I could because I thought that all the medication was going to the Greek side and there was no help for the Turkish Cypriots", he said.

Asked by Mr Michael Sullivan, for the society, why he had not provided prescriptions from the local doctor at the first interview, Mr Ozdemir said that he had taken some paperwork home after a break-in. That was why he had not recorded them in the prescriptions book. He said: "They were misplaced and so I could not find them".

Mr Sullivan said: "If there was the slightest scrap of truth in the Cyprus link then I put it to you that you would have mentioned it to the inspectors during your first interview".

The hearing was adjourned until December 14 when a verdict is expected.

Heart aid flyer keeps pace



By Ruth Gledhill

Douglas Penn atop the 1939 Tiger Moth biplane yesterday in which he hopes to cross the Channel on Friday in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Mr Penn, aged 57, qualified as a helicopter and fixed-wing pilot after having a heart pacemaker fitted at Harefield

Hospital six years ago. The Channel crossing will be his eighth charity wing-walk. Mr Penn said: "You do get thrown about a bit, but my family prefers me to do this rather than go hang gliding and diving. Surprisingly, this does not affect me too badly. My pacemaker does get a bit excited when I do loop-the-loops". (Photograph: Bob Collier).

Students' union appoints manager

By Sam Kiley, Universities Reporter

The students' union at Leicester Polytechnic is to appoint a managing director to run the union enterprises in an attempt to get it out of chronic debt.

The union serves 9,000 students and has a travel service, shops, catering facilities and a bar. It employs 50 full-time and 150 part-time staff.

With a turnover in the past academic year of £1.7 million, it claims to be the biggest polytechnic enterprise in Britain. The business, in the past run by students on sabbatical, ended the year with a deficit of £160,000.

Mr Tony Hockley, the union president, said Mr Franklyn Roberts, aged 46, a management consultant, would take control of the commercial activities of the union.

Mr Hockley, an economics student, said: "We carried

forward a £60,000 loss from the previous year so the situation is not quite as grave as it looks.

"But as the business has developed into a major trading enterprise the executive has become the victim of circumstance.

Several universities and polytechnics have commercial managers who have an essentially clerical role in managing the unions' enterprises. Mr Roberts will be paid £25,000 a year and will answer to the union president.

Up to 5,000 students, a third of the Finnish undergraduate population, will be educated in Europe, the bulk of them in Britain, if a pilot exchange scheme between Finland and the United Kingdom is successful.

A British delegation recently returned from Helsinki where it met officials to discuss the scheme.

Novelist welcomes the discount Times scheme

The historian and novelist, Lady Antonia Fraser, has welcomed *The Times's* half-price scheme for students, saying she was glad of a similar scheme when she was a student at Oxford "because I had very little money then".

Lady Antonia, married to Harold Pinter, the playwright, said she started reading *The Times* at her father's home before going to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

She says she does not agree with all the editorial comment in any one newspaper. "I read a very wide range. *The Times's* offer will mean that students can afford to take a paper for themselves, but they should occasionally make an effort to read others to make sure their opinions are well-founded."

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Full-time students can apply for a Presspass pack by filling in a coupon. In return they will receive a wallet ensuring a 50 per cent discount and offering a free three-line advertisement in *The Times* and £2 off the annual subscription to Sky magazine. Coupon, page 41

No screens for police hero

By David Sapsford

A police marksman yesterday appealed to a coroner to be allowed to give evidence about the fatal shootings of two armed robbers, behind the sort of screens used to protect the identity of SAS soldiers during the Gibraltar inquiry.

The unprecedented call by PC Anthony Long — the hero of a siege three years ago when he rescued a child aged four being held at knifepoint — was rejected by Sir Montague Levine, the coroner, who ruled that the reasons for his decision should not be reported by the press.

He told the jury, which was absent when the application was made by counsel for PC Long, that the officers asked to be screened from the public gallery. "The final decision was that the police officers should not be screened and that is all I am going to say on the matter."

Sir Montague had earlier told the jury that there had been threats to an officer and two other witnesses due to appear at an inquest into the deaths of Michael Flynn, aged 24, and Nicholas Payne, aged

29, who were shot dead by Scotland Yard's PT17 tactical firearms unit in the course of an attempted £250,000 armed robbery from a Securicor van at an abattoir in Plumstead, south-east London, last year.

The venue of the inquest had been switched from Southwark to Lambeth Magistrates' Court, south-west London, because of security considerations and, at yesterday's opening, everyone entering the courtroom was searched by police officers.

Sir Montague then issued a warning that anyone who tried to interfere with or threaten a witness or member of the jury would be committing a grave criminal offence which would be dealt with swiftly by the police and courts.

Yesterday, the coroner appealed to everyone to "calm their emotions" as they heard the evidence. He said the inquest would hear that the Securicor van was delivering cash to the Co-operative Wholesale Society's meat depot in Garlands Road, Plumstead. It was held up by a group of men, three of whom

were said to have firearms. "We shall also hear how armed police officers apprehended these men and two men were shot dead and a third man was wounded".

Payne, of Birling Road, Erith, Kent, was divorced with two sons. Flynn, of Bargey Road, Catford, south-east London, was married with a young son. In May of this year, two men were jailed for 10 and 15 years for their part in the raid.

Mr Brian Worth, former deputy assistant commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, told the jury that he had given permission for the PT17 firearms team to "take out" the abattoir.

He said: "I was informed by the regional crime squad that they had received reliable information that four men were planning a robbery. Those responsible intended to take a security guard hostage in order for the contents to be stolen and that security guard would be shot if the perpetrators' demands weren't met."

PC Long is due to give evidence later in the inquest.

Victim's prosecution fight

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A special constable who is due to bring his own private prosecution today against youths who beat him up has been informed that the Director of Public Prosecutions is taking over the case but will offer no evidence.

Mr Martin Smith decided to bring his own prosecution against the youths, who assaulted him when he was making an arrest outside a public house, because the Crown Prosecution Service substituted the original charges of grievous bodily harm for lesser ones.

One of the three youths involved pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of actual bodily harm and was fined £100 and ordered to do community service; the other two pleaded guilty to minor public order offences and were fined a total of £50 and £100 each. Mr

Smith has now been informed by the Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Allan Green, QC, that the DPP is taking over the prosecution on the grounds that his "proceedings are oppressive and an abuse of the procedures of the court".

Yesterday Mr Smith, who suffered a broken nose, a severe facial cut in which the skin was taken off to the bone and the loss of two teeth, said he was "furious" at the decision.

"They seem to be doing this on the grounds that these people have already been through the courts. But they have only been charged with minor public order offences, which are not the same as unlawful violence against an individual."

The Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 specifically

preserved the right of individual citizens to bring their own private prosecutions, he said.

"Surely the right of the director's to kill off a prosecution should be exercised only in the most unusual of circumstances?"

He said the DPP's office told him that although the charges were different, the proceedings arose from the same circumstances.

"But how is it that when a driver kills someone, people are able successfully to bring private prosecutions of causing death by dangerous driving when the CPS has only brought a charge of careless driving?"

Mr Smith, a solicitor, intends to be in court and to say he wishes to offer evidence.

Yesterday the CPS said it could not comment on the case until the court hearing.

Hopes of haemophilia cure

By Thomson Practice, Science Correspondent

The development of a synthetic blood-clotting agent for the treatment of haemophilia could point the way towards a permanent cure for the disease, researchers believe.

The new form of Factor VIII was given to the first patient in Britain last week and is likely to become widely available among 5,000 sufferers here in the next few years.

It is intended to be a safer and better alternative to the natural product, derived from human blood donations, which most sufferers need to take regularly to prevent bleeding, and which is constantly in short supply throughout the world.

Apart from offering im-

portant benefits to patients, the new Factor VIII is providing researchers with invaluable help in seeking a cure for the hereditary condition, caused by the absence of a gene which regulates the production of the natural blood-clotting substance.

"A cure was a pipe dream five years ago, but now it can be talked about seriously. We have gained a vast amount of knowledge," Dr Peter Kernoff, a leading researcher at the Royal Free Hospital and School of Medicine in Hampstead, north-west London.

Dr Kernoff, director of the haemophilia and haemostasis unit at the hospital, said: "Replacement therapy with

Factor VIII is not the final objective.

"The target has to be a cure, and we now have indispensable insights into the genetic structure of Factor VIII which gives us the prospect of changing human genes in those affected so that they can produce it by themselves."

The first British patient to receive it, Mr Victor Bodgen, aged 23, of Mill Hill, north-west London, was said yesterday to have "responded excellently" to his first injection, and will be monitored closely at the hospital's haemophilia unit.

One advantage of the synthetic product is that it cannot be infected by the Aids virus.

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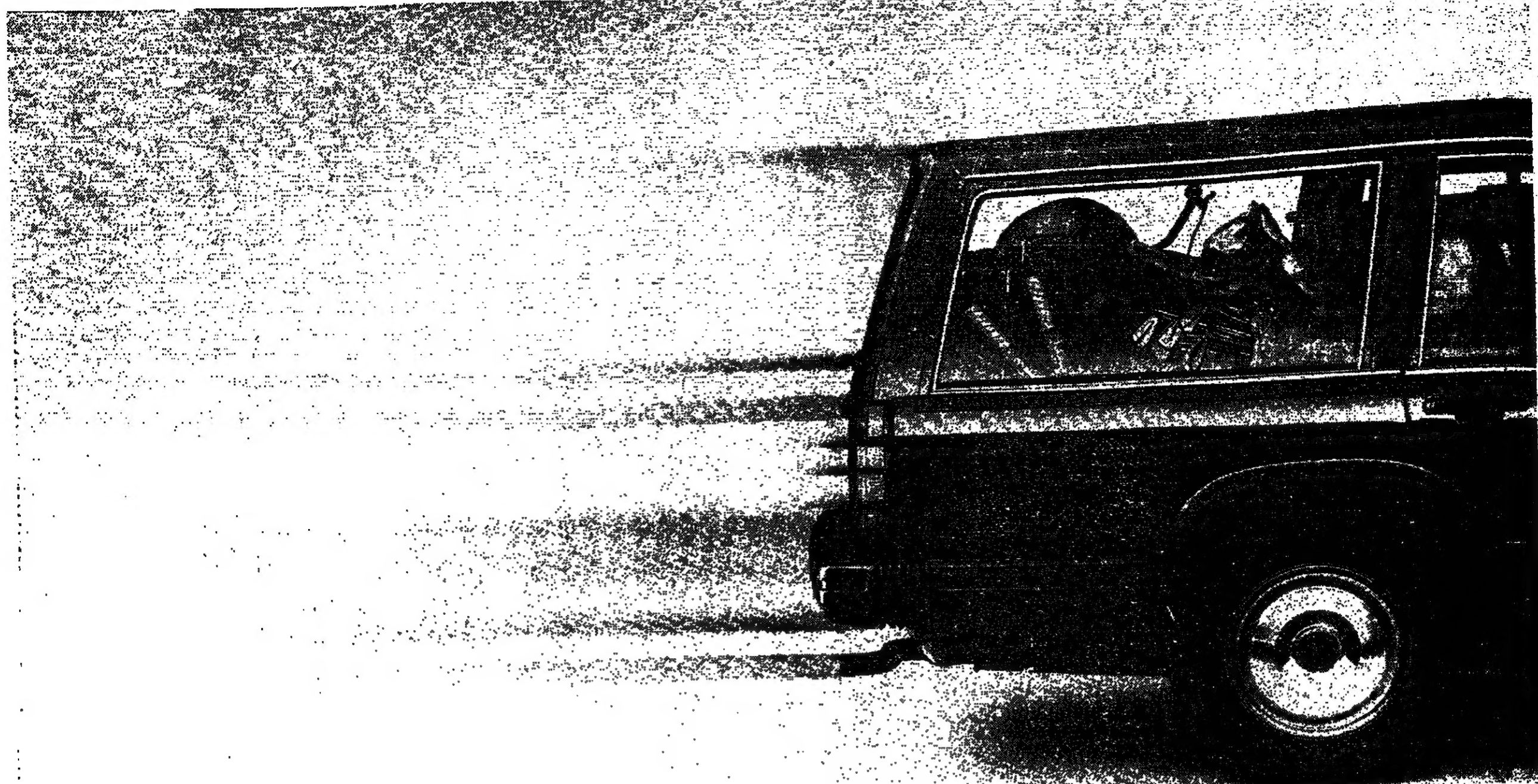
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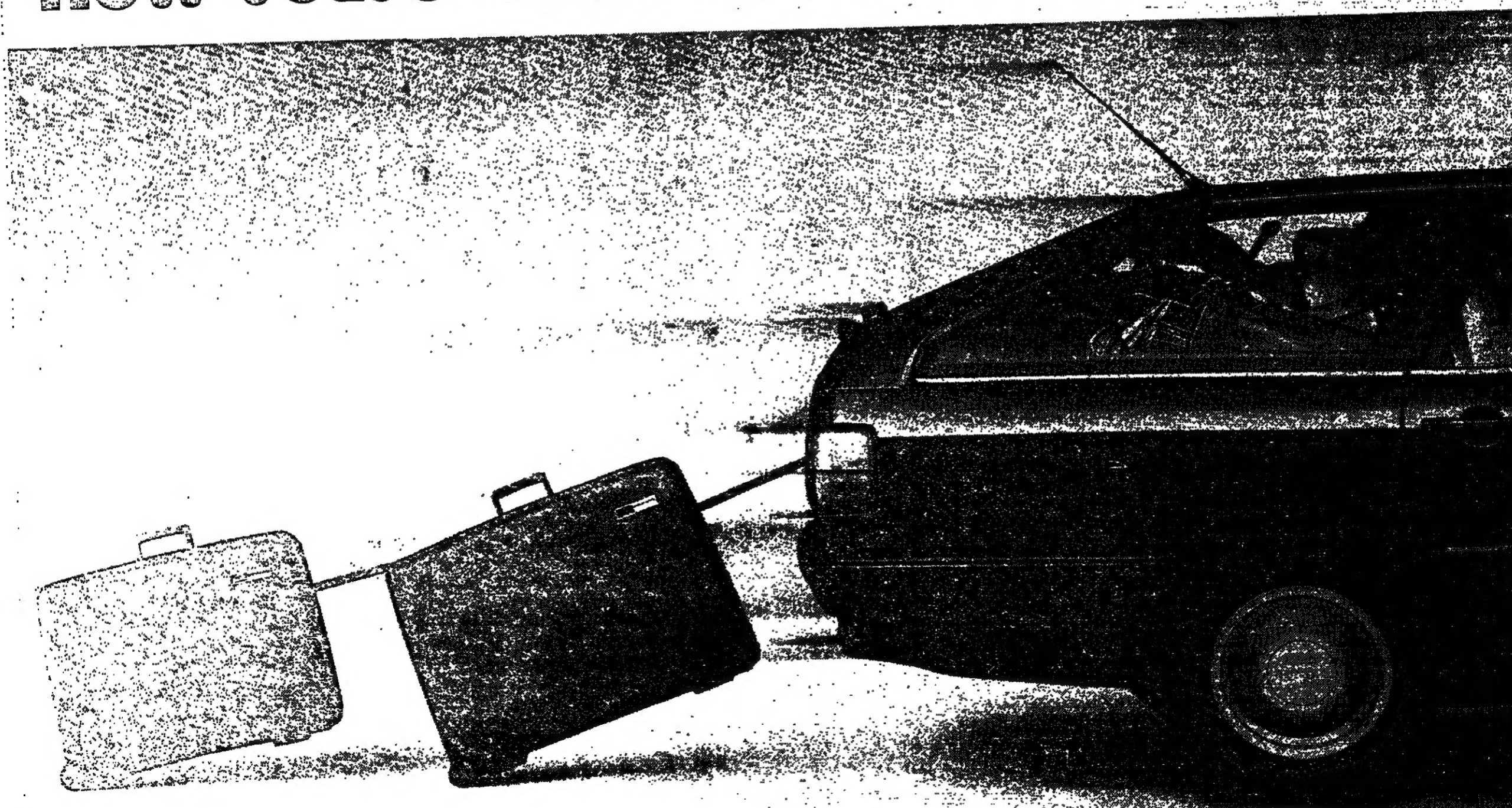
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King's Cross inquest

Escalator had caught fire '18 times before disaster'

By Paul Valley

At least 18 fires had taken place over the years on the escalator where the King's Cross inferno started, the inquest into the disaster was told yesterday.

Mr David Halliday, a fire investigator with the Metropolitan Police, said the fire, in which 31 people died, was probably started by a lighted match discarded by a smoker. It fell down the gap at the side of the 50-year-old wooden escalator and ignited grease and fluff that had built up.

Detailed inspection of a skirting board showed that had happened on at least 18 previous occasions. Small fires had started and it was hard to say how they had burnt themselves out.

"There might have been much less fuel down there at the time," Mr Halliday said.

The initial fuel was excess grease, used to lubricate the escalator tracks. Over the years that had been squeezed into ridges about six wide and more than a half-inch thick, along the length of the escalator.

On to this had dropped fluff and dust, made up of fine particles of clothing, wood

worn away from the stairway, and skin debris which was usually in the air in public places. The fluff had acted like a wick, drawing up oil from the grease.

Mr Halliday said he could not explain why the fire had taken off in this case but not in the other 18. There were signs that some of the fires may have been caused since a smoking ban on the Underground had been introduced.

Once the fire had taken hold the escalator tunnel acted like a diagonal chimney, the bottom of which is covered by wood and the top of which is covered by multiple layers of paint, which are going to provide a certain amount of fuel once the fire reaches it," Mr Halliday said.

Melchior aluminium alloys in the booking hall showed that the fire reached more than 600°C at the top of the escalator. The electrical wiring beneath the escalator was in very poor condition, Mr Halliday said, but there was no evidence it had contributed to the disaster.

Dr Iain West, head of the Department of Forensic Medicine at Guy's Hospital, said

most of the 31 people who lost their lives had died within seconds of the fireball engulfing the booking hall.

He said all but one of the victims died from inhaling hot fumes. Some died rapidly after smoke and gases burnt their throats, which swelled up and closed their air passages. Others died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

A few, including Station Officer Colin Townsley, the only fireman to die, were probably killed by cyanide fumes produced by the burning of materials used in construction or paint.

The official cause of death recorded for 30 of the victims was asphyxia due to inhalation of fire fumes. The remaining victim, Mr Christopher Roome, died several days later from bronchial pneumonia and liver failure due to 70 per cent burns.

Dr West said: "Burns to the throat can lead to very rapid death because the airway goes into spasm as a result of inhaling very hot gases. That explains the rapidity of death in many cases."

Many had surprisingly low levels of carbon monoxide in

their blood when compared with the victims of other fires. That was because more than half had inhaled very hot gases and died from the suffocating effects of internal burns.

Dr Douglas Chambers, the coroner, responded: "The vast majority of people have died before suffering the pain of the burns."

Dr West: "Many died within a very short period of the fireball."

Dr Chambers: "It would have taken only seconds. Many victims suffered flash burns, caused not by flames but by a sudden intense heat."

Mr Townsley, who was wearing heavy protective clothing, was comparatively lightly burnt. "He is one of the cases where cyanide or some other noxious agent was responsible for causing collapse," Dr West said.

Mr Townsley had a large bruise on his head as if he had then been injured when he fell.

Most of the bodies were severely burnt, but only after death. "Some were in such condition that they were totally unrecognisable," he said.

The inquest continues today.

Celebrities say farewell to Kinnear



Oliver Reed (top left), Frank Finlay (centre) and Michael York (right), the actors, were among celebrities yesterday at the funeral of Mr Roy Kinnear, the comedy actor, who died in a riding accident while filming in Spain. His widow Carmel (above), with her children Kirsty, aged 14, and Rory, aged 10, led mourners at Christ Church, East Sheen, London. (Photographs: Peter Trievnor)

£621,655 for part of family silver

The first day of the sale of Lord Stradbroke's family silver yesterday raised £621,655, double the estimate.

Everyone seemed to have a trophy to take away after the sale at Old Henham Hall, Wangford, Suffolk.

Everyone, that is, but the man from the Jockey Club who, in spite of much eager bidding, failed to secure a sale.

Mr J A Bottomley, a greetings card manufacturer, bought a quarter of the 400 lots, planning to keep it as a long-term investment for his company's pension fund.

His purchases included a pair of Victorian candelabra presented to Admiral Henry Rous, one of the present Lord Stradbroke's ancestors, "a power behind the Jockey Club in the nineteenth century. These cost £71,500 against an estimate of £30,000 to £50,000.

Simon Fraser, a Scottish race horse breeder from Inverness, bought the Admiral Rous centrepiece, for £38,000, replacing the Jockey Club. The piece, over four feet high and 928 ounces in weight, has six race horses twisting around the base and is surmounted with a figure of Rous.

Both Mr Bottomley and Mr Fraser said they would lend their purchases to the National Horse Racing Museum at Newmarket.

Mr Jack Koupmann, the London dealer, was outbid for the two top lots, but did secure other goods worth £134,230, including the Royal Hunt Cup (a Victorian Racing Trophy in the form of a knight assisted by three naked men) for £19,800. The sale, organized by Prudential Fine Art, has two more days to go.

Lord Stradbroke, who lives in Australia, said the first day had exceeded his expectations. He emigrated 31 years ago

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market
Correspondent

but plans to plough the sale proceeds back into the family's Suffolk estate, restoring Humphry Repton's landscaping and replacing his lake.

Lord Stradbroke is an Australian citizen and has no plans to return to Suffolk permanently. But he hopes at least one of his thirteen children will settle there.

Mr Peter Bogis, the Henham Estate historian, said the Lord Stradbroke's ancestors had accompanied William the Conqueror from Normandy and became leading Suffolk landowners, partly by seeking out heiresses, marrying them, and taking over their land.

The silver which was sold yesterday has been in the bank since about 1947.

Back on the routine auction circuit, Stradbroke's achieved a record for a leaf from a Koran in London yesterday, when one from Prince Baysanghur of Herat's copy fetched £159,500 against an estimate of £40,000 to £60,000. It was bought by a Middle Eastern private collector.

The dealer B Mohammed was active, spending £44,000 (within estimate) on Awarad al-Ushu, an Arabic manuscript from the reign of Suleyman the Magnificent, by Ahmed Qarabisi.

Christie's London had a mixed time with its British ceramics. A pair of Worcester Imari-pattern hexagonal vases fetched £28,400 (estimate £12,000 to £18,000) and £24,200 (four times estimate) was paid for a Newhall part tea and coffee service painted with birds by Fiddie Duvivier.

'Men stabbed sex offender to death'

Two men carried out their own death penalty on a convicted sexual offender, a jury was told yesterday.

They had discussed the issue of capital punishment for rapists and child molesters during a drinking session. Then, armed with two knives, they went to the home of Alan Halshaw, it was alleged at Preston Crown Court.

Mr Halshaw was stabbed 26 times as he lay in bed. The attack was so frenzied that both men damaged their hands, Mr John Hugill, QC, for the prosecution, said.

Gary Noble, aged 25, of The Windrows, New Church Farm, Skelmersdale, Lancashire, denies murdering Mr Halshaw at his home at Alderley, Skelmersdale, in March.

Mr Hugill said the dead man was jailed for 15 months in 1985 for indecently assaulting young girls.

His wife, Sandra, left him and became acquainted with Frank Treling, aged 22. As a result he learnt about Mr Halshaw's past and, Mr Hugill said, that was the motive for the attack.

Mr Halshaw was last seen alive on Friday, March 4. Neighbours later heard noises but the police were only called on the Monday when he had not gone to work.

The body was found in the bedroom. Dr Edmund Tapp, a Home Office pathologist, said he found 38 wounds, abrasions and scratches on Mr

Halshaw's body, some of which would have resulted from him trying to protect himself. Mr Halshaw, a tool-maker, died from a wound which pierced the heart.

On the Friday, Mr Noble and Mr Treling had been out drinking. "The conversation turned to people who committed rape and child molesters and views were expressed about the return of the death penalty," Mr Hugill said.

Later, at Mr Treling's home, the feelings became centred personally on Mr Halshaw. Mr Noble and another man then left the house saying they were going to give someone a good kicking, Mr Hugill said.

But, the prosecution alleged, they went to Mr Halshaw's home armed with two knives and murdered him. On their return Mr Noble allegedly said: "We have just done him in good and proper."

Later, it is claimed, he tried to get two women to provide him with an alibi, he burnt his shoes and jumper and got his mother to wash the rest of his clothes telling her he had sprained his wrist. When arrested he allegedly said the victim was a monster.

Mr Hugill told the jury Mr Noble had cleaned himself on a curtain which police had found buried.

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The trial continues today.

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CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE

No 10 sends key policy makers to take the pulse of the party

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

Among the 10,000 people who will descend on Brighton for the Conservative conference this week will be a few influential but shadowy figures operating at the heart of political power.

They will mingle with the representatives and politicians in the bars and receptions. They will discreetly exchange gossip and information with their contacts inside and outside the Government. They will follow certain debates, noting how the arguments and rhetoric of ministers are received by the party faithful, and they will keep a weather eye on points raised from the floor. After testing the waters, they will return to Downing Street.

Seven in all, they make up the Prime Minister's policy unit, although the two members on secondment to the unit from the Civil Service are barred from attending party political events and will have to mind the shop in London — a

suite of cosy little rooms at No 10.

Only Mr Brian Griffiths, the unit's head, is at all well known outside the Whitehall net, and even he has to maintain a distinctly low profile, commensurate with both the importance and sensitivity of his post.

As the midsummer madness over the remarks of Sir Alan Walters, the Prime Minister's semi-detached economic adviser, made plain, careful talk from members of the inner circle is political dynamite.

Not that the quicksilver Mr Griffiths, the former professor of banking and international finance at the City University Business School, will be doing much talking. Mrs Thatcher's speech, the conference finale on Friday, is likely to absorb most of his energies as she engages in her annual quest for the perfect script.

So who are the Prime Minister's eyes and ears, advising her on the constant stream of departmental proposals,

putting forward new ideas, acting as a bridge to Whitehall and the world beyond, and her first line of defence against wayward ministers?

In addition to Mr Griffiths, who is responsible for education, broadcasting and economic policy, they are:

● Mr Peter Stredder, late thirties, mathematics (Cambridge and Warwick), Civil Servant on secondment from the Department of Trade and Industry, specializing in the Department of the Environment.

● Mr Greg Bourne, late thirties, chemistry (University of Western Australia), on secondment from BP, specializing in transport and energy.

● Mr Ian Whitehead, mid thirties, physics and chemistry (University College London), chartered accountant, on secondment from the Bank of Montreal, specializing in health and the inner cities.

● Miss Carolyn Sinclair, early forties, modern history (Edinburgh), Civil Ser-

vant on secondment from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, specializing in agriculture, "green" issues, planning and the Home Office.

● Mr George Guise, mid forties, physics (Oxford and Durham), on secondment from Consolidated Goldfields, specializing in Department of Trade and Industry and science.

● Mr Andrew Dunlop, late twenties, economics (Glasgow), former special adviser to Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, specializing in defence procurement, employment, tax reform and Scotland.

One of the strengths of the policy unit — and one that distinguishes it from the Civil Service — is the diversity of background, experience and talent it encompasses. Operating on a collegiate basis, with plenty of discussion of ideas and analysis, it is able to bring a different perspective to political questions from that commonly employed in Whitehall. At times, it is also a radical one, although

the presence of career Civil Servants within the unit suggests that it is far less politically partisan than is commonly supposed.

Yet, looking at its personnel, one rather surprising pattern does emerge. Four of its members have science or mathematics degrees, and two others are economists — the most numerically-based of the social sciences. The Prime Minister, the first trained scientist to make the quantum leap to No 10, is served by a group of like-minded souls.

Mr Griffiths, who makes appointments to the unit, has not actively sought out people with such qualifications, and until recently the arts have been well represented in its make-up.

He has been more concerned with finding people of the right quality, capable of sifting the evidence, testing hypotheses and quickly coming to a clear and robust conclusion. Coincidence not design, although Mrs Thatcher is unlikely to cavil at the outcome.

Nevertheless, after the Prime Minister's speech to the Royal Society, it is hard to escape the conclusion that after more than 30 years, she is rediscovering some of the interests of her youth, consciously or otherwise, affected by the people close to her. For not only did she give new heart to environmentalists, she also acknowledged the debt she owes to her own education.

"I am reminded of a reviewer of Solly Zuckerman's recent autobiography, who said that as a rule politicians rarely make successful politicians. From my experience, let me say this in today's world it is very good for politicians, to have had the benefit of a scientific background."

Much has been made of C.P. Snow's two cultures, and it would be fanciful to argue that the breach has been healed by a handful of appointments at No 10. But perhaps the Oxford dons, chiefly scientists, who so wounded the Prime Minister by denying her an honorary degree, might care to think again.

Europe and environment set to dominate debates

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Growing anxiety among the Conservative Party faithful on four separate issues threatens the customary harmony of the annual conference beginning at Brighton today.

They are the state of the economy, threats to the environment, law and order and Britain's future in Europe. In spite of the best efforts of the party's stage managers, criticisms of party policy are bound to surface in both the conference hall and at fringe meetings.

Fringe meetings also provide dissident ministers and former ministers with ideal platforms to rock the boat, and both Mr Michael Heseltine and Mr Peter Walker are expected to seize this opportunity.

This morning's debates are on farming and the inner cities, and will be followed by the address of Mr Peter Brooke, the party chairman. But the main interest will come in the debate on transport immediately after lunch, in which Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State, will outline what he intends to do about Britain's congested roads and air routes.

He will emphasize the need for private capital to finance important transport infrastructure projects. Debates on trade and industry and defence round off the afternoon.

The two main fringe meetings of the day occur at lunchtime. In a speech to the Tory Reform Group Mr Heseltine is expected to reiterate his call for the fruits of economic success to be spread more evenly through the

country and not just in the over-heated South-east.

Mr Ian Smith, the former Rhodesian Prime Minister, will join Mr John Carlisle, the right-wing Tory MP, at a meeting organized by the

The conference will this morning debate farming and the inner cities before Mr Peter Brooke delivers his address as party chairman. In the afternoon there are debates on transport, trade and industry and defence.

Conservative Sports Committee to promote the restoration of sporting links with South Africa.

Mr Leon Brittan, the former Cabinet minister, will address another fringe meeting organized by the National Association of Port Employers in the evening. He will call for an end to the restrictive National Dock Labour scheme, which guarantees dockers a job for life.

Another former minister, Sir Rhodes Boyson, will call for the end of the students' union closed shop at a meeting organized by the right-wing Freedom Association and the National Association of Conservative Graduates.

Tomorrow's main conference debate is on law and order just before lunch, at which Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, will give his traditional roasting by representatives alarmed at the crime figures and by those who want capital punishment to be restored.

In the afternoon there are two other debates in which

speakers are likely to give ministers a tough time.

In a debate on planning and the environment Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State, will be criticized by speakers who believe he is allowing too much development in the South-east and that he has shown scant regard for the Green Belt. Mr Ridley will reject the charges.

In the social security debate they will press Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State, not to freeze child benefit for the second year running. It is understood that he has already decided against it.

The best-covered fringe meeting will be the luncheon speech of Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Wales, to the Tory Reform Group.

The last remaining "wet" in the Cabinet regularly uses that platform to launch coded attacks on the Government's economic policies.

In the evening Mr Enoch Powell, the former Ulster Unionist MP and Conservative minister, addresses the right-wing Monday Club. That could be where party divisions on Europe first surface.

Also tomorrow evening, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scotland and a dark horse contender for the party leadership, will make a keynote speech entitled *Towards 2000* at the traditionally important conference meeting of the Conservative Political Centre.

Party divisions over Britain's future in Europe will become most apparent during

Thursday afternoon's debate on overseas affairs.

On the one side will be those who argue that the Government has conceded too much sovereignty to the EEC. On the other will be those implicitly critical of Mrs Margaret Thatcher who believe Britain is obstructing progress towards a united Europe.

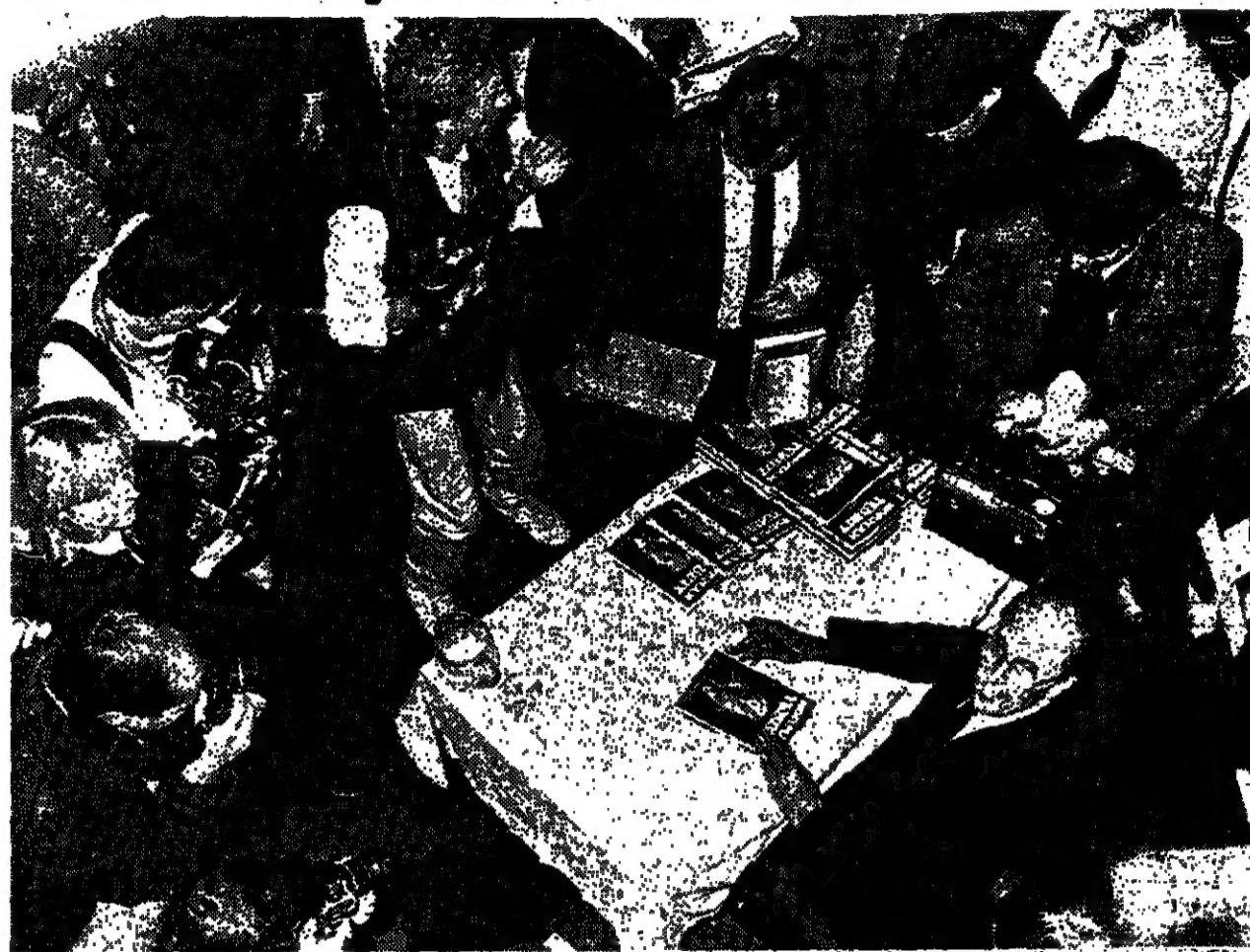
But another potentially heated debate will occur that morning when the conference discusses economic policy and taxation. With rising inflation, a serious trade imbalance, and interest rate increases having more than cancelled out Budget tax cuts, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, may find he is no longer favour of the month among the alarmed party faithful.

At luncheon on Thursday, Mr Hurd addresses the Society of Conservative Lawyers, while in the evening Mr Timothy Renton, the broadcasting minister, talks to the Bow Group on the future of broadcasting and Lord Whitelaw, the former Deputy Prime Minister, gives the fourth Harold Macmillan Lecture to the Young Conservatives.

For the conference representatives the highlight of the week comes early on Friday afternoon when the Prime Minister gives her closing address.

In a speech, carefully prepared over many weeks, is expected to signal, among other things, both the Government's new commitment to safeguarding the environment and the increasing attention it is paying to social matters.

A tearaway launch for Tebbit's book



Mr Norman Tebbit facing the Press at the launch of his autobiography in London yesterday (Photograph: Julian Herbert)

By Alan Hamilton

There is, they say in the book trade, no such thing as a bad review. Mr Norman Tebbit presented himself at Hatchards Booksellers in Piccadilly yesterday and was besieged by customers willing to pay £14.95 for a signed copy of his memoirs with the most interesting page torn out.

Mr Tebbit's printers worked all weekend to remove the offending page after the High Court ruled that his political autobiography, *Upwardly Mobile*, could not appear with certain references to Miss Sarah Keays and Mr Cecil

Parkinson. The printers managed to deliver 750 bowdlerized copies in time for Mr Tebbit's planned signing session.

No one might have noticed the publication had not the *London Evening Standard* had the brainwave of sending their review copy, with a request for a few hundred crisp words, to Miss Keays, who took exception to Mr Tebbit's account of her affair with Mr Parkinson, now rehabilitated as Secretary of State for Energy, and won a temporary injunction preventing the book's publication in its original form.

Given the coverage of the court case at the weekend, it was not surprising the shelves of bookshops sealed right round the bookshop by the time Mr Tebbit arrived.

One man in the signing queue said he had been a fan ever since Mr Tebbit had lambasted the BBC for its coverage of the American bombing raid on Libya. The lady next to him said: "I've always liked Norman; he's one of us."

By the time Mr Tebbit left he had signed, and therefore sold, 400 copies. Miss Keays and her injunction did not appear to have done him lasting harm.

Homeowners remain loyal

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The latest opinion poll evidence brings a welcome relief for the Government as the Conservatives open their conference.

Ministers had been braced for a slump in the Government's popularity with voters as a result of increases in interest and mortgage rates.

But the latest polling evidence from MORI's three-month aggregate for July, August and September shows that the Government is still reaping the benefits of its council house sales policy and that homeowners as a group remain the Tories' greatest supporters.

Home ownership remains the greatest demographic discriminator of voting intention — greater than age group, region or social class. Seventy per cent of the electorate have bought or are buying their own homes, 24 per cent are council tenants and 6 per cent are private tenants.

While the Conservative

lead over Labour overall these past three months is 46 per cent to 39 per cent the lead among homeowners or buyers is 54 per cent to 32 per cent.

Among council tenants, by contrast, Labour leads 58 per cent to 27 per cent. So the "swing" from homeowners to council tenants is 26.5 per cent for Labour.

Taking those with mortgages alone, support for the Conservatives has shifted only from 50 to 47 per cent over the past three months while Labour's rating has been 37 and 36 per cent.

Among council tenants over the same period Conservative support has risen from 23 per cent to 26 per cent while Labour's support has dropped from 63 per cent to 57 per cent.

The crucial economic optimism index, achieved by subtracting the number of those who believe that economic prospects will deteriorate over the next 12 months

from those who believe that they will improve, has fallen for five months in a row.

But those buying their own homes are, on any measure, more optimistic about economic prospects than the population at large.

The index has fallen from minus 5 in July to minus 9 in August and minus 13 in September.

But among mortgagees the figures are nil in July, minus 6 in August and minus 13 in September.

The net decline of 13 points is almost exactly matched by the figure among council tenants who have moved from minus 23 to minus 28 to minus 37, a net fall of 14 points.

In 1974, when Labour last won an election, homeowners divided 45 to 31 per cent in favour of the Conservatives, giving them a 14 per cent lead.

Now the division is 54 per cent to 32 per cent, a Conservative lead of 22.

Tories hope for 10% rise in membership

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

The Conservative Party is on course to sign up 100,000 new members after its latest recruitment drive, according to party sources.

Such a figure would increase by 10 per cent the party's total strength of about a million, and would boost funds severely depleted after the £3 million panic spending of the last four days of the election campaign, which took the total bill to £9 million.

Yesterday the sources hailed the initial results of Campaign '88 as a success and maintained that the Tories were outstripping their opponents in building a mass membership.

Mr Peter Brooke, the party chairman, is expected to give a progress report today on the recruitment drive. It may be extended beyond its planned closing date of October.

The campaign was launched at the beginning of June after

the Central Council meeting in Buxton, Derbyshire, in March, and has been backed up by an avalanche of building-embellished leaflets, stickers and posters.

Constituency Conservative associations are independent of party headquarters at Smith Square and are expected to raise their own funds.

So far, local parties have paid £1.4 million for a million leaflets and other publicity material, figures that underline the strength of the grassroots response.

One association is understood to have signed up 1,400 new members since June.

The update on the Tory drive comes after Labour announced plans to boost membership from about 280,000 to a million, in the next three years. The Democrats are hoping to treble their membership from 65,000 by the next election.

PIPER ALPHA PUBLIC INQUIRY NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY HEARING

The Hon Lord Cullen, who has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Energy to conduct a Public Inquiry into the accident which occurred on Piper Alpha on 6 July 1988, will hold a preliminary hearing which should be attended by all those seeking leave to be parties to the full Public Inquiry.

The hearing will take place at 10.30am on 11 November 1988 within the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen.

The purpose of the preliminary hearing will be to deal with matters of representation, procedure and programming and, if appropriate, to fix a commencement date for the full Inquiry. Evidence will be heard only at the full Inquiry.

It will be helpful if those who wish to attend the preliminary hearing for the purpose of seeking leave to be parties to the Public Inquiry will make their intentions known to the Secretary to the Inquiry, Miss C B Forbes, at 16 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh EH1 3DN (Telephone 031-244 3905) by 28 October 1988.

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PARLIAMENT

Rethink on Housing Bill

The Government, in an attempt to defuse a rebellion in the House of Lords, has offered to look again at the voting system for tenants whose homes may be taken out of local authority control.

The Earl of Cathness, Minister of State for the Environment, speaking during the committee stage of the Housing Bill when the Lords reassembled after the summer recess, said that he was prepared to consider whether there should be a minimum two-out figure before a property is handed over to a social landlord.

Under the Bill, tenants will be

ballotted on whether they want to stay under council control or transfer to another landlord.

The Earl of Cathness assured peers that tenants would be able to remain under local authority control if they wanted to. However, tenants who did not vote in a ballot on their future landlord would be deemed to have voted in favour of opting out of local authority control.

An Opposition amendment aimed at preventing non-voting tenants being counted in with the "yes" to transfer votes was defeated by 183 votes to 136.

Lord McIntosh of Haringey, for the Opposition, said he was

challenging the Government's claim that the Bill was about tenants' choice.

The Earl of Cathness said that the voting process would take place over a period of 13 weeks with full consultation, so there would be little excuse for tenants not to vote.

There were many reasons why tenants might not vote; ill health, disability, holidays, or they may have moved away. It would be sufficient under the Government's proposals for the property to be transferred to a new landlord when not more than 50 per cent voted positively against it.

Post monopoly 'options open'

The Government would have to "keep its options open" over the Post Office monopoly in handling the letter mail, Lord Young of Grafton, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during Lords questions about the recent postal strike.

The possibility of ending or modifying the monopoly was kept under review but the

Government had no firm plans to make any changes.

The matter depended very much on the conduct of the business of the Post Office in the future.

Lord Campbell of Alloway (C) wondered whether the monopoly should continue without a no-strike clause.

Lord Young of Grafton said

that he knew of the considerable public disaffection with the quality of the Post Office service. "We had better see how the service performs in the months to come."

The Government regretted the dislocation which the strike had caused to small businesses. "I hope those working in the Post Office will take that into account in future."

Blasphemy law change resisted

Demands for changes in the law on blasphemy were made in the Lords in the aftermath of the release of the film *The Last Temptation of Christ*. But Earl Ferrers, Minister of State, Home Office, said that the Government had no plans for altering the law. It could not decide what should be written, published or shown in a cinema, he said.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) said an American film producer was seeking to make money by publishing "intensely offensive observations about the founder of the Christian faith."

Earl Ferrers said the Law Commission had not reached unanimous conclusions on the matter. "We do not believe there is a sufficient consensus of opinion for a change in the law." Some people considered that the film was serious and that it was not blasphemous.

Lord Renton (C) sought an assurance that the Government would "rise to the occasion and themselves be defenders of the

faith" as was the Queen.

Earl Ferrers said that the Government had to consider whether the right of free speech should be curtailed in suggesting alterations to Parliament. It was up to individuals to make up their own minds about whether the film was offensive.

Lord Paves of Northampton (Lab) said that once one started strengthening the law against blasphemy one started strengthening the law against the people who held those opinions. "And from there the step to burning heretics is not far."

The blasphemy laws were obsolescent nonsense.

Lord Elwyn-Jones, for the Opposition, suggested that there was a danger that prosecutions for blasphemy could stimulate further activities that they were designed to protect.

Parliament today

Lords (2.30): Housing Bill, committee, sixth day.

Residents band together to become the 'eyes and ears' of their police force

Patrols stamp out a mining village's spate of petty crime

Mr Carl Roberts, a driver with the local branch of the TUC, is standing in the orange glow of a street light opposite a group of retirement bungalows in Grimethorpe, South Yorkshire.

"Once you could walk along here in the early hours of the morning and see lights everywhere. The old folk were too afraid of being burgled to go to sleep", he said.

"Since we started our action, their lights all go out at night. That, by itself, is a measure of our success."

Before the residents of Grimethorpe's Park estate decided to patrol the streets themselves, they were plagued by almost nightly thefts. When a car was stolen from a man whose wife required daily hospital treatment, it was the last straw.

Now, from dusk to dawn every night, groups of men patrol the estate. Anyone acting suspiciously is watched and reported to the police.

More than 80 volunteers, aged from 17 to 66, have joined the scheme. Their

The debate over street violence was fuelled last week when chief constables declared that government policy on police manpower could mean the end of the "bobby on the beat". Peter Davenport visited a community that has decided to take action itself.

powerful torches and blue anoraks have been bought with residents' donations. Two housewives organize the group's routes.

Since the patrols began seven weeks ago, no criminal incidents have been reported on the estate.

"They are not vigilantes but public spirited people committed to stamping out minor crime in their area," Supt Brian Mordew said. "I welcome them as extra eyes and ears."

Mr Roberts, aged 44, started the scheme with a friend after

his neighbour's car was stolen.

"We decided to sit up all night just watching what happened on our streets when we were all in bed", he said. "A gang of teenagers appeared at about three in the morning trying the doors on almost every car and house. They acted as if they had every right to be there."

When one of the teenagers walked out of a house with a video machine under his arm, Mr Roberts and his friend stopped him and called the police. The youth is now awaiting trial.

Grimethorpe is an unlovely village, famous for its colliery band and infamous for an incident during the miners' strike when a mob attacked the local police station.

Relations between police and the villagers still bear the scars of the dispute and initial reactions to the community patrols were guarded.

But Mr Roberts sees the idea as an extension of Neighbourhood Watch and a sign of hope for communities plagued by crime.



On the beat: Two Grimethorpe residents getting ready for their part in the dusk-to-dawn patrol of the Park estate (Photograph: Asadour Guzelian).

Humberside split on bridge toll deal

By Peter Davenport

A proposal to write off part of a multimillion pound debt owed by the Humber Bridge Board is to be examined at a public inquiry starting in Hull today.

In return for having its debt partially cleared, the bridge board wants to raise its tolls, already the highest in the country.

The Humber bridge debt is rising at the rate of one pound every second because of high interest charges on the £100 million it cost to build.

Today the debt stands at more than £300 million and hopes of paying it with toll charges alone, as originally planned, are out of the question.

Mr Alex Clarke, chairman of the Humber Bridge Board, said: "We are massively in debt and if something is not done it will simply go on increasing."

The city council in Hull and the local authorities for Beverley and Holderness support a financial package the board negotiated with the Department of Transport, which could involve £190 million of the debt being written off.

Almost 60 organizations and individuals have objected

to the toll increases and the inquiry is expected to last for several weeks.

Among the objectors are the Road Haulage Association, the AA, the RAC, bus companies, a local MP, freight hauliers and Humberside County Council.

The one-way toll for car drivers would rise from £1.50 to £1.70 with further, regular increases in line with inflation. Some large lorries would have to pay £11.60 instead of £8 for a one-way trip and the coach toll would be £7 instead of £5.20.

The Humber bridge is the largest single-span construction in the world and was opened in 1981 after decades of local pressure for a link between the two banks of the Humber.

The Act of Parliament which governs the board specifies that unless the debt was of manageable proportions by 1984, it could be recovered by a precept on local ratepayers, with residents of the city of Hull being the worst hit.

One estimate is that if the debt were to be recovered in this way, the new community charge would be doubled.

Companies act to stop tide of attacks on staff

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

Violence at work is forcing employers to adopt new strategies to reduce the risk of assault and abuse directed at their staff.

An Industrial Relations Services report shows that more workers are being exposed to the risk of violence. However, most cases involving minor injuries, threats and verbal abuse are not reported and the Government is trying to facilitate more accurate data collection.

The IRS says strategies for preventing violence at work need to be based on a clear understanding of the characteristics and nature of the violence involved. Training may be influential in combating the problem.

Employees are being separated from members of the public, alarm and security systems are being introduced at more companies, and more workers are being trained to deal with the problem.

In some cases, a single act provides a solution. Unigate, for example, has reduced muggings considerably by installing cash security boxes

on milk floats in London and Bristol, two high-risk areas.

The Department of Employment recommends better in-house training for staff, more supervision for new and inexperienced employees and higher counters to discourage claimants from climbing or leaning over them.

Training can play a valuable role as part of a package of preventive measures.

After a female employee was attacked on her way home from work, Marks & Spencer initiated a training package for its 50,000 staff - 60 per cent of them women - showing them how to defend themselves.

The report also shows how trade unions, particularly the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union, have provided much of the impetus for the development of preventive approaches and have been instrumental in bringing the problem to the attention of their members.

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Milk quotas benefited farmers, board says

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The introduction of milk production quotas in 1984, greeted with dismay by farmers at the time, have in fact benefited the industry, a report published yesterday by the Milk Marketing Board suggests.

A study of 100 specialist farms showed that average profits last year rose to £19,161. But in real terms that was still below the levels of 10 years ago and represented only a 9.7 per cent return on working capital.

However, Mr Tony Poole,

the author of the report, gave a warning that the upward trend was unlikely to continue.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday published draft regulations which make it a legal requirement for everyone responsible for, or working with, farm livestock to know and understand welfare codes.

The regulations are expected to come into force early next year. They cover such matters as farm building safety and lighting, and animal feeding and watering.

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Cameramen arrested and blindfolded

Chadli blacks out pictures of unrest

From Christopher Walker, Algiers

The Algerian Government of President Chadli Benjedid, struggling for survival against a popular uprising unprecedented in recent North African history, is operating a sophisticated campaign of censorship designed to prevent full accounts of the destruction and military clampdown getting out.

Most attention is being focused on Western television and stills cameramen, several of whom have been arrested, interrogated and blindfolded by Algerian troops after trying to take pictures of the tanks and armoured personnel carriers which now guard every key government installation in the capital.

Etienne Werner, a Reuters photographer, was driven blindfold in a van to a military interrogation centre yesterday as he tried to work near the city centre. "At one point they took out a whip from a cupboard. They said it was not for me, but that next time they would not be so nice," he said.

Yesterday both BBC and ITN television crews were arrested for the second time in 24 hours and all their film was confiscated.

The purpose of the censorship has been to convince the world at large — and the 27 million Algerian population — that all is returning to normal much faster than is the case.

It is also to try to prevent film coverage, at home or abroad, of how the harsh martial law is operating in many parts of the country. But the courage and ingenious professionalism of some journalists has ensured that pictures have gone out.

"On no account are you at any time to photograph military personnel or military vehicles," said the government official in charge of the

Western press, most of whom are housed in the imposing eight-storey El-Aurassi Hotel, itself a target of the mobs early in last week's rioting.

Displaying extraordinary dexterity, Algerian cameramen managed to shoot film, which was shown on the main 8pm state TV news, in which not a single soldier, tank, armoured vehicle or riot control squad appeared on the streets of either Algiers or the second city, Oran, where many buildings have also been ransacked.

Similar bowdlerized versions of the reality of life — in which tanks, combat-ready troops with fixed bayonets, heavy machine guns, bazookas and even anti-tank missiles are on round-the-clock duty — have been offered by Algerian TV to networks around the world. The officers

6 They took out a whip. They said it was not for me, but next time they would not be so nice

have been matched by strong attempts to hinder normal operation for those few foreign television crews who have been allowed entry.

An ITN camera crew was arrested yesterday in the central Place Premier Mai, its film destroyed and camera gear confiscated. When the reporter, Paul Davies, showed the officers his accreditation from the Ministry of Information, the officer snatched it and made an obscene gesture with it.

The officer, one of several from the commando regiment now running the city under martial law, explained contemptuously: "That is what I think of your piece of paper. It

is us who are in charge of running things now, not the Ministry."

Another photographer — who inadvertently gave soldiers the name of a Ministry official who had assured him he had permission to work — found the name being taken down by a soldier. "We will deal with her later," he said menacingly.

Despite the hostility and obstructionism shown towards those attempting to film the uprising or the military response estimated to have caused some 200 deaths, those members of the written press who have managed to gain access have been given comparative freedom to travel and file copy.

One American correspondent said: "It is as though the Government was convinced that only pictures, not words, convey the image of what is going on. They are hoping that our descriptions will be ignored in the face of pretty pictures showing shops filled with goods and people strolling in the sunshine."

Many of the discontented youth of Algiers ridicule openly the version shown on state television. "It is part of the pantomime that we have had to put up with for years," one 20-year-old told me yesterday, as we spoke close to three Soviet-built light tanks around a mosque near the city centre. Because of the widespread knowledge of French, most of the population has heard reports on the uprising from foreign radio stations.

By last night, despite promises of communiques and individual interviews with Algerian officials, the single briefing provided for the international press was a 30-minute conference on Saturday with the Information



Civilians surveying the debris in an Algiers street yesterday after days of rioting over the falling standard of living. The unrest was apparently encouraged by fundamentalists.

Minister, Mr Bachir Rouis. He refused to provide official casualty figures and used the occasion to expand on the Government's charge that

"hidden hands" are manipulating the uprising. At one moment, to relieve the stifling heat of the overcrowded room, an official

opened a window. To the obvious unhappiness of the Minister, the room was suddenly filled with the rattle of gunfire from close by.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Hawke outburst on yacht death

Sydney — The Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, last night accused Indonesian police involved in shooting a British couple on their yacht of "appalling and despicable behaviour" (Christopher Morris writes). David Blenkinsop, aged 31, was shot in the shoulder and pushed overboard to drown, according to his pregnant fiancée, Miss Joanne Mist, aged 24, who was shot in the stomach at point-blank range when storms forced them to shelter on the Indonesian island of Serui as they sailed from Thailand to Australia.

Two armed policemen boarded their yacht and there was a row when Mr Blenkinsop was allegedly "unco-operative". Indonesia's official explanation is that the shooting was accidental, but Mr Hawke has demanded a "thorough and impartial inquiry" with appropriate action to be taken against the Indonesian officials.

Le Pen sacks deputy

Paris — M Jean-Marie Le Pen yesterday suffered his most serious setback when he deprived himself of his only voice in the National Assembly by announcing the dismissal from his National Front of Mme Yann Piat, the party's deputy for the Var region (Susan MacDonald writes). M Le Pen's decision was made after it became obvious that Mme Piat was considering resigning from the party. Her success in the general elections last June prevented it from being entirely excluded from parliament. All the other 35 deputies elected in 1986, including M Le Pen, lost their seats. Mme Piat was considering resignation because she objected to a statement by M Le Pen on the Nazi gas chambers. The topic provides a favourite theme for M Le Pen.

Nicaraguan protest

Nicaragua's Ambassador in London, Señor Francisco d'Escoto, accused Mrs Thatcher yesterday of inviting a "terrorist" to Britain (Nicholas Boston writes). He was angered by the arrival in London of the Nicaraguan rebel Contra leader, Señor Adolfo Calero, who will hold a fringe meeting at the Conservative Party conference in Brighton today. A Foreign Office spokesman said that Señor Calero was visiting Britain as a private citizen and that he was permitted to take part in political activities as long as he did not break the laws of the country.

Paisley attacks Pope

The Rev Ian Paisley last night delivered a scathing attack on the Pope, Catholics and the Irish Republic amid catcalls and jeers in the European Parliament in Strasbourg (Our Foreign Staff writes). The leader of the Ulster Democratic Unionists launched a five-minute tirade at the top of his voice after being attacked himself as "an institutional terrorist" by the Fianna Fail Euro MP, Mr Niall Andrews. The uproar broke out within minutes of the session's start and came only the day before the Pope addresses Euro-MPs as part of a four-day visit to France.

Dukakis bites back on rare trip to Big Apple

From Charles Bremner, New York

Preceded by a weekend blitz of aggressive commercials, Mr Michael Dukakis marched up Fifth Avenue in the annual Columbus Day procession yesterday, giving a rare reminder to New Yorkers that they are four weeks from a presidential election.

The Big Apple and its state form the second-biggest prize in America's presidential race — 36 votes in the electoral college. Only California, with 47, has more.

But while the campaigns have poured millions of dollars and countless man hours into California, both Mr Dukakis and Mr Bush have been all but invisible here. Mr Bush has not turned up in the state since June, and Mr Dukakis has paid a couple of brief calls.

The explanation for the "campaign that isn't" is simple. With the system of winner-takes-all in each state, New York, traditionally Democratic, is not up for grabs. An old axiom of Democratic politics reverses the Broadway slogan: "If you can't make it in New York, you can't make it anywhere."

But while Mr Dukakis has clawed his way back uphill against Mr Bush in the past two weeks in all but the Deep South and Florida, his lead in New York state has narrowed to seven points.

No one is suggesting a real threat, but party strategists are concerned about a growth in pro-Bush sentiment among voters in the lower-middle-class suburbs, apparently in response to the Vice-President's successful depiction of Mr Dukakis as a dangerous liberal. The chance of an upset could prompt a guerrilla strike by the Vice-President.

For many New Yorkers, ethnic though he is, Mr Dukakis comes over as weak tea. A warning was sounded over the weekend by Mr David

Garth, New York's top political image consultant: "Dukakis comes across like your accountant or, God forbid, your dentist."

The Democrats' answer has been the Dukakis march yesterday and a deluge of negative television commercials over the weekend ridiculing the "packaging" of Mr Bush. The headline in *The New York Post* — "Iron Mike Hits Back" — referred to the latest marital travail of the heavyweight champion, but applied just as well to the Dukakis campaign.

The ethnic Massachusetts Governor was on home ground in the parade — an Italian and Spanish-American festival. He strolled up the avenue accompanied by Mr John F. Kennedy Junior, newly emerged as a superstar in his own right, Governor



Mario Cuomo and Mayor Edward Koch.

The Kennedy name has a special power since the Senator Lloyd Bentsen's use of it in his television debate knock-out over Mr Dan Quayle in last week's debate.

The Scandinavians have still not managed to spoil Columbus Day, but they had the preceding Sunday declared Leif Erikson Day in honour of the Viking now credited with winning the Transatlantic race by 500 years.

A Democratic Party poll yesterday showed Italian-American voters in New York flocking to the Dukakis side because of what they see as an excessive Wasp (white Anglo-Saxon Protestant) content in the Bush-Quayle ticket.

Mr Dukakis can also count

heavily on the black and the Jewish votes, though blacks are still angry over the antics of Mr Koch during the primary election in April. He backed Mr Albert Gore for the nomination and announced that "Jews would have to be crazy to vote for Jesse".

The mayor has not helped his party in the campaign for the Irish voters, who are traditionally Republican anyway. They are still incensed over Mr Koch's stunning, but short-lived, conversion to the British view of Northern Ireland, voiced after a visit to Belfast this summer. Hundreds of demonstrators turned out on Sunday to watch a pantomime in which a Mr Koch dummy embraced a dummy of Mrs Thatcher.

Bush campaign leaders say they cannot compete for New York when so much more is at stake elsewhere.

Mr Rich Bond, the Vice-President's national political director, said: "No decision has been made to go all out in New York. It is a tantalizing prospect for us. But when you have finite time and resources, you've got to line up the states that are going to be with you first, and then see if you're going to play on the other guy's turf."

The news from Florida over the weekend was bad for the Democrats. A poll by the *Atlanta Constitution* paper showed the Republicans far ahead in all 15 Southern states. The gap was said to be up to 20 points in Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and South Carolina.

The Bush campaign held a strategy meeting yesterday on ways of consolidating the Southern gain, while the Democrats were reported to be pulling senior staff out of Florida to redeploy them in the crucial swing states of the industrial Midwest.

Political manoeuvres in Greece

Pressure grows for snap poll

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister, who had complex surgery in London 10 days ago, left hospital yesterday for a hotel in London as pressure grew for a snap election to capitalize on voters' sympathy.

The state-controlled media here is portraying his apparently rapid recovery at the age of 69 as a miracle that has made him a new man, and his Socialist party is considering plans for a welcome rally when he returns home on or about October 22, with hundreds of thousands lining his route home in Athens.

The Prime Minister's wish to be accorded a popular welcome — which his critics have dubbed a Roman Triumph — was disclosed by Mrs



Mr Papandreu: Dreaming of a hero's return.

Dimitra Liani, his companion, who has been at his bedside since he was rushed to London on August 25.

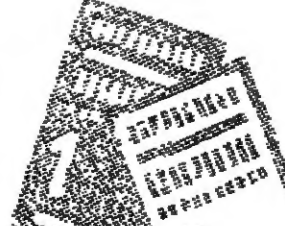
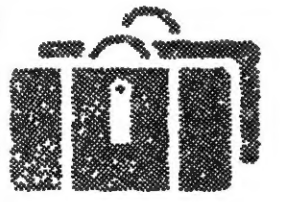
She said in a radio interview: "The Prime Minister dreams of a great popular rally

during his arrival at Athens airport." Elsewhere she made clear that she would be returning with him.

The welcome would be a crucial ingredient of the plan that Mr Papandreu's associates seem to be putting together in the hope of precipitating a general election.

Other components include a Cabinet reshuffle to enhance his new image, combined with perks to the people that the economy could ill-afford.

The call for a snap election finds favour also with the main opposition party, the conservative New Democracy. Its leader, Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, told a youth rally that Greece had been left without a Government. "Let us then have elections in November," he said. "Let the people take matters in their hands."



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Cuban timetable for Angola withdrawal opens way to peace

From James Bove, New York

Angola, Cuba and South Africa have reached broad agreement on a timetable for the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola, which opens the way for implementation of a United Nations independence plan for South Africa-controlled Namibia.

American mediators were quoted in *The New York Times* yesterday as saying that in three days of talks which ended in New York on Sunday, it was agreed that the estimated 50,000 Cuban troops in Angola should pull out within 24 to 30 months.

The UN plan could come into effect as early as November 1, the target date set in earlier negotiations between Angola, Cuba, South Africa and the United States.

Under the plan, a UN force of about 7,500 troops and 2,000 civilians will supervise elections leading to Namibian independence within a year.

The four-sided talks, which began in May, have focused on achieving a peace settlement in the region by linking Namibian independence with the Cuban troop withdrawal. South Africa demanded originally that all Cuban troops

should be out of Angola in less than a year, while Angola and Cuba offered a four-year withdrawal period.

Angola and Cuba have now offered to withdraw the troops over 30 months, while the US has put forward a compromise period of 24 months.

The principle of troop withdrawal in such a time frame appears to have been accepted all round. A final timetable is expected to be agreed when the talks resume in the Congolese capital, Brazzaville, before November 1.

South Africa, which has withdrawn its own troops from southern Angola, has thus conceded that some Cuban troops may remain after Namibia wins independence.

American officials were quoted as saying that the problem was not so much when the last Cuban soldier left, as how quickly the bulk of the Cuban forces withdrew.

South Africa and the US want most of the Cuban forces to leave within the first 12 months. South Africa is believed to want Cuban troops redeployed to northern Angola so that they cannot interfere with the polls in

Namibia. The American officials said that the UN Security Council would be asked to adopt a resolution setting out the timetable for the withdrawal.

An agreement on Namibian independence and a Cuban troop pull-out would focus attention on the key remaining obstacle to peace in the region, the 13-year-long civil war in Angola.

Cuban troops were first sent to Angola to protect the Soviet-backed government from Dr Jonas Savimbi's UNITA guerrillas, who are sponsored by South Africa and the US.

A summit meeting of six Southern African front-line states, scheduled for tomorrow in Botswana, has been cancelled, the Zimbabwe Foreign Ministry said yesterday (Reuters reports).

President Mugabe's office confirmed the cancellation but gave no reasons. The meeting would have been the first to bring together leaders of Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Tanzania and Angola since President Botha of South Africa started a diplomatic drive into black Africa.

Rashid faces US extradition



Mohammed Rashid, a 34-year-old Palestinian, being handcuffed by a Greek policeman yesterday after an appeals court in Athens voted 2-1 that he be sent to the US to stand trial for a 1982 explosion on a Pan Am airliner over

Hawaii (Reuters reports). He has been held since May 30, and will stay in prison until the Greek Supreme court rules on his appeal. Rashid's seven-month sentence for using a false passport was reduced to five months.

Rescue of industrial giant

Likud capitalizes on lame ducks

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The Likud branch of the Israeli governing coalition is to make maximum political capital out of the desperate straits of Koor Industries, the country's largest industrial concern, which is threatened with liquidation.

It employs 27,000 workers and creates about 10 per cent of Israel's wealth.

But it is hugely in debt, and on Sunday its largest foreign creditor, Bankers Trust Company of America, applied in a Tel Aviv court for it to be wound up because it has failed to make promised repayments of about £12 million in loans.

The Government has begun an immediate rescue plan, and is deciding between allowing Israeli banks to put up the money and putting in government money to save off collapse until the company can be restructured.

The Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, is only too happy to lead the rescue bid, but he will do so while blaming his Labour coalition partners for mismanagement on a grand scale in order to drive home his party's point that Labour's economic policies are bankrupt.

Koor is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Histadrut trades union federation, which is linked closely to the Labour

Party. Koor, with its many subsidiaries, is just one of the many Histadrut concerns now in serious difficulties.

The Solel Boneh building company, the Alliance Tyre Factory and the Kupat Holim health service, which looks after 80 per cent of the population, are all Histadrut concerns in serious difficulty.

On top of that, the *moshav* co-operative farms and kibbutzes, both of them movements strongly allied to Labour, are struggling for survival and scarcely able to service their huge debts.

Likud says that the economic trouble stems from "socialist principles with octopus-like bureaucracies", and argues that only a move to a free economy will solve the problems. The party is promising to lower taxes to encourage business, and is offering help to Labour's lame ducks only out of the goodness of its pre-election heart.

Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, insists the economic problems stem from the roaring 500 per cent annual inflation rate while Likud was in power between 1977 and 1984. He claims the credit for curbing that inflation while he was Prime Minister from 1984 to 1986.

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Botha urges early voting to avoid boycott bullying

From Michael Horsby, Johannesburg

South Africans of all four officially-classified racial groups — white, black, Coloured (mixed-race) and Indian — began voting yesterday in nationwide elections for segregated town councils, even though there are still more than two weeks to polling day.

New legislation enables all people to municipal electoral rolls to cast a "prior vote" between October 10 and 22, without having to give any reason for not being able to vote on October 26, the official election day.

The Government aims to enable black, Coloured and Indian voters — not required even to cast their "prior vote" in their own areas — to cast their ballots inconspicuously and thus avoid possible intimidation by radical groups calling for a boycott.

About £1.2 million has been spent on a newspaper and television advertising campaign featuring a comic strip in which two squirrels, apparently chosen because they are racially neutral, tell voters they can "make it happen" by going to the polls early.

In the Transvaal, the authorities have sent circulars to white employers telling them it is vital "for both practical and constitutional reasons" that the elections to black town councils should be a success, and urging them to make sure that black staff "exercise their democratic vote".

According to provisional estimates, about 12,170 candidates of all races will contest 7,600 seats on 1,130 local government bodies.

It is the first time that all races have gone to the polls at the same time, even though it is to elect representatives to segregated structures.

The elections to white town councils are seen as a dress rehearsal for a white-only general election which the Government is constitutionally bound to hold in little more than a year, and as a test of what appears to be rapidly growing support for the far-right Conservative Party, which opposes any relaxation of apartheid.

The black, Coloured and Indian polls will be scrutinized closely as a measure of non-white support for the Government's constitutional reforms, which offer other races self-government at local level and a

consultative national role, but would still leave the white minority in overall control.

President Botha is desperately anxious that there should be a high turn-out in the black council polls to repair the damage done during the township turmoil between 1984 and 1986, when scores of black councillors resigned after having been accused of "collaboration" with the Government and terrorized by angry mobs.

The Government has prepared the ground by improving facilities in many townships, and by banning, restricting or gagging most black opposition leaders and their organizations. Under the emergency regulations, it is an offence punishable by up to 10 years' jail to advocate publicly a boycott of the vote.

But this ruling has been flouted repeatedly by church leaders such as the Most Rev Dr Desmond Tutu, the Archbishop of Cape Town, so far with impunity.

Radical groups, such as the banned African National Congress, are determined to enforce a black boycott. For example, to get a turn-out of even 25 per cent or 30 per cent would be a significant defeat for these groups.

The Government badly needs the black town councils to be seen as credible, since it is intended that they should eventually send delegates to the proposed "national council", the body which is supposed to provide for inter-racial negotiations on a new constitution.

According to government officials, 2,457,982 blacks in urban areas outside the tribal homelands have registered to vote, accounting for 78 per cent of those eligible to do so. Critics claim, however, that the authorities have inflated the registration figure by including anyone on official housing lists.

If this is true, the Government may have set a trap for itself by making it more difficult to get a high percentage turn-out on polling day.

Widespread black indifference to the elections seems indicated by the high number of self-nominated and unopposed candidates. In Cape province, for example, only 45 of the 92 black municipal councils will be contested.

Tamil raid kills 44 on eve of stoppage

From Vijitha Yapa, Galle, Southern province, Sri Lanka

Forty-four people of the majority Sinhalese community were killed at Konga-sawa in northern Sri Lanka by Tamil guerrillas, as Sinhalese in the south prepared for a strike yesterday to protest against elections in the Northern and Eastern provinces.

Security sources said that about 150 Tamil guerrillas, believed to belong to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, had entered the village, about five miles from Vavuniya, on Sunday night and hacked to death or shot men, women and 18 children.

A leader found on the scene said the killings were in retaliation for President Jayewardene's awarding yesterday of medals to army, navy, air force and police officials who overran Vadamarachchi, a

Tamil Tigers stronghold, in May 1987.

Meanwhile in Southern province, the extremist Sinhalese group, the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (People's Liberation Front), called the strike to protest against elections for a united provincial council for the Northern and Eastern provinces, which would give the minority Tamils more autonomy in the area.

Five people died in clashes with police as businesses on the island responded to the strike call by the Front, blamed by police for more than 400 political deaths over the past 15 months.

In Eastern province, police used tear gas to disperse a march by about 5,000 demonstrators. Five people were reported to have been injured.

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Belgrade cancels leave for troops as unrest continues

From Richard Bassett and Desha Trevisan, Belgrade

The day after President Džardžević of Yugoslavia addressed the nation on what he described as its "most serious post-war crisis", army leave was cancelled throughout Yugoslavia yesterday and panic buying was reported in some areas.

Large foreign currency bank accounts were also being emptied, sources in Belgrade and Zagreb said.

At Niksic, in the south-western republic of Montenegro, tens of thousands of people, largely students and workers, were still protesting about what they described as police brutality after a weekend demonstration was broken up in Titograd, the Montenegrin capital.

Students were said to be continuing a hunger strike in Titograd, capital of Kosovo, while there were reports of strikes in Montenegrin towns, and protesting workers comparing the republic's leaders with President Pinochet of Chile and demanding their resignation.

But police action in Titograd at the weekend was initiated only after students refused to disperse following several warnings. Casualties were light and most impartial observers said police were disciplined and orderly.

The upheavals of the past

week have joined the national leadership rudely from its slumbers.

The strains of the Yugoslav crisis — the economy, ethnic tensions and a long discontent with years of abused power and privilege — have suddenly been linked to create a situation in Montenegro, Serbia and its autonomous regions of Kosovo and Vojvodina more tense than at any time since the war.

In the north, the leaderships of the Croatian and Slovenian republics have lined up against the mob in Montenegro and have pledged their support for the Montenegrin leadership.

But Serbia, the most powerful republic in the federation and with the largest Communist Party, has remained ominously silent.

Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader who is the inspiration behind the mob, refused to condemn what five of Yugoslavia's six republics call anarchy.

The Slovanes, in a robust statement on Sunday, declared: "We shall never agree to solutions which are imposed on us." The Croats warned: "Sources of folly are pushing Yugoslavia down the path of violence."

The Bosnians, along with the Montenegrins and Macedonians, have issued similar statements. Only Serbia holds its tongue, though the party-controlled press has already accused Montenegrin authorities of "excessive violence" in sending police into Titograd.

Mr Milosevic seems to be hoping that the use of force in Titograd may backfire on the authorities, and provoke more civil unrest. It remained unclear yesterday to what extent this might be the case, though it was clear that there were still demonstrations on the streets.

If this situation does continue, there can be little doubt that the mob will demand more blood, and events would become intolerable again only after a most vigorous crackdown from the Yugoslav Army, the one federal institution that integrates all of the

state's different nationalities. The federal Government, despite the words of Mr Džardžević on television, cannot supply from its ranks the strong personality that Serbia seems to be demanding.

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A woman guiding her son's bow of prayer for Hirohito outside his Tokyo palace yesterday.

Journalists settle in for chilly Tokyo vigil

From Joe Joseph Tokyo

Japan's newspapers and television stations are not abandoning their day-and-night vigil outside the Imperial Palace here, even though Emperor Hirohito, seriously ill and bedridden, has perked up enough to chat.

The country has been in a state of near-mourning for three weeks, expecting each day to hear that the 87-year-old Emperor, who is being drip fed and pumped daily with fresh blood, has finally given up his fight against pancreatic cancer, anaemia and jaundice.

Yesterday, he was well enough to talk to relatives and to thank the public who have sent good wishes and prayed for his recovery.

As the rest of Japan put its feet up to celebrate Sports Day, the newsmen stood at their posts outside the palace gates, a once calm spot that now has the feel of an audio electronics fair held in a refugee camp.

Television cameras and microphones fight for space between the plastic tents that shelter the 1,300 journalists.

The car park is clogged with coaches that pass for dormitories and the journalists are looking increasingly exhausted. But most are too polite to complain.

China lifts taboo on psychology as cult of individual

From Catherine Simpson, Peking

On the corner of a busy market street in central Peking, groups of people stand reading placards: "Are you a type A or a type B personality? Do you have problems at school? Can you relate to other people? Come in and we will help you solve your problems."

China's first psychology counselling centre for the masses opened earlier this year and is working to capacity. It may have only two consultation cubicles and an enthusiastic part-time staff of seven, but it heralds the end of an era of total negation of the worth of psychology.

Dr Xu, the smiling and voluble researcher who devotes a day a week to counselling, is based at the National

No tranquillizers are prescribed at the centre: all therapy takes the form of counselling

Psychology Teaching Institute, which runs the centre.

She explained: "It's not that people didn't have problems before, but they were treated with political counselling. They received a little comfort and support, but no one really got to the root of their problems."

It was not very long ago that China claimed to have solved the problems of the individual by solving the problems of society, and psychology was seen as a dangerous cult of the individual. For more than 10 years during the Cultural Revolution, Dr Xu could not practice or teach.

But here, every patient is given an exhaustive questionnaire on their psychological wellbeing when they arrive. They ask: "Do you hear sounds in the night?" "Do you get angry when someone asks you to do something for them?" and for teenagers: "Do you love your parents?"

More questions are aimed at discovering where the patient stands on the scale from being obnoxiously self-confident to pitifully ner-

vous. These methods may not be sophisticated, but the centre is prepared to tackle anything from sleep disorders through the problems of adolescence to sex and family disputes.

An average consultation lasts 90 minutes. With just two doctors on duty, that means about 10 patients a day — an example of admirable restraint when most things in China are geared to the push and shove of a population of more than one billion.

Even a private consultation is a novelty in a country where a doctor's clinic tends to be an open house and a consultation a public event. In the centre there is none of the rudeness and brusqueness of other services. No appointment is necessary and even the receptionist and administrator are eager amateur psychologists.

It costs two yuan — about 40 p — for a half-hour consultation. "Perhaps we'll put the prices up when people have got more used to the idea of coming here," Dr Xu said.

No-one is prescribed tranquillizers: all therapy takes the form of counselling. "It's not socialist psychology," Dr Xu said. "We cannot solve all society's problems."

There are no help-lines in China, so counsellors give their telephone numbers to patients. And as the only alternative for marital problems is mediation through the local people's congress, the doctors have also taken on the guise of marriage guidance counsellors. "Extra-marital affairs may be nothing much in England," Dr Xu said, "but here they are regarded as serious."

She added: "Reform is causing more problems. Competition and increased pressure to be efficient are making people nervous. They don't know how to cope with the new demands."

Spoilt "little emperors" — the result of the one-child policy — have also been patients. The youngest so far has been five years old, but most come when they are older. The majority of those who attend the centre are middle-aged.

Ship bomb claim

Sydney (AP) — A new television mini-series on the 1985 sinking of Greenpeace's flagship claimed that British and US intelligence services knew of the French plot before the Rainbow Warrior was blown up in New Zealand.

It suggested that the CIA and MI6 knew about the scheme but withheld the intelligence from New Zealand because its Government had enacted legislation banning visits by warships capable of carrying nuclear weapons.

Floods toll

Dhaka — More than 25,000 children aged under six will die in Bangladesh because of malnutrition and 50,000 others will go blind as a result of the devastating floods last month, the Helen Keller Foundation forecast.

Train deaths

Belgrade (Reuters) — At least 33 people were killed in a train crash in eastern Yugoslavia, the official Tanjug news agency reported.

Bodies found

Bangkok (Reuters) — Joint US-Vietnamese search teams found remains of some American servicemen missing from the Vietnam War, a US statement said.

Ugandan blast

Bombo (Reuters) — A grenade thrown during a tribal dance killed 13 people and seriously injured 17 at Uganda's Independence Day celebrations here, police said.

Marcos bar

Manila (Reuters) — A Philippines court rejected a petition by the deposed ruler, Mr Ferdinand Marcos, to return home and answer corruption charges, saying the decision was up to President Aquino.

Gun advice

Roma (Reuters) — Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the West German Interior Minister, said that politicians could help to prevent terrorist attacks by carrying guns.

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Students and rebels unite against Burma Army

From Neil Kelly, Thi Baw Bo, Burma

Three Burmese rebel groups have arrived here, on the hilly edge of the Dawna range, three miles inside Burma from the Thai border, to unite in the fight for democracy. Burmese forces are 20 miles away, and other local units were moved to Rangoon last month to deal with the uprising against the military regime.

The newcomers include 2,000 fugitives from the ruthless army crackdowns. They have been taken in by 1,300 Karen insurgents, who have been in rebellion against Rangoon for 40 years. Other new arrivals are a handful of Burmese expatriates driven into exile in the United States by the Burmese dictatorship.

U Tin Maung Win, who runs a seafood restaurant in Virginia, said: "I came here with a one-way ticket. I thought I was on my way back to Burma to stay permanently. Instead, here I am trying to get in, but meeting people trying to get out." The son of a cabinet minister in several of Burma's democratic governments until General Ne Win seized power in 1962, U Tin Maung Win led students' demonstrations during the 1974 uprising.

In the US, he is chairman of the Committee for the Restoration of Democracy in Burma. He has been handing over money and relief supplies donated by Americans to help the fugitives.

He said that fundraising was

also going on among expatriates in Britain, Canada, Australia and Thailand.

Those who have come to the border after hard and dangerous journeys by lorry, boat and on foot possess nothing except the clothes they are wearing. Many are suffering from malaria and other illnesses and need medical supplies, food, building materials and tools, clothing and weapons.

The Karens are drawing on their own meagre supplies of food and materials to help them but have few weapons to spare, according to Major-General Tamla Baw, a senior Karen official who fought with British officers in Force 136 against the Japanese in the Second World War.

The students' leaders said that they had bought and captured a few weapons but most were old single-shot



U Tin Maung Win: Handing over cash raised in America.

rifles. The 25 Burmese monks here admitted that they had armaments hidden in their monasteries.

U Than Myint, aged 35, a monk from Moulmein, said: "We don't want more bloodshed, but an armed struggle is justified because the people are fighting for all the freedoms, including religious freedom. The Army have bayoneted our people, kicked our rice bowls, and pulled down our flags, so we support the armed struggle."

The 10,000 or so people who have fled to border districts will set up their own military camps and train to fight the Burmese Army. About two-thirds are students, aged from 18 to over 30. The rest come from all walks of life. Most have joined the Karen, Mon and Shan rebels, although several hundred went to the communist insurgents near the Chinese border.

The rebel groups finance their struggle by taxing the illegal cross-border trade, which has been reduced greatly by Burma's upheaval but still goes on. Porters bent under huge back-packs of goods head for inland Burma every few minutes, while colleagues carry charcoal, teak and Burmese cheroots across a swinging wooden bridge into Thailand.

The newcomers say that they can form a bridge of understanding between the Burmese and the ethnic mi-



Major-General Tamla Baw (left) and rebels at Thi Baw Bo.

norities, who hope that a democratic government will grant them the large degree of autonomy they demand.

While retaining independence, the new All-Burma Students' Democratic Front, which has been formed here, will co-operate with the Karens, who will provide military protection until the student body can form guerrilla units. One student leader, U Ko Hla Aung, aged 29, who is studying for a master's degree in philosophy at Rangoon University, said that they would ultimately have a force of 50,000 people.

"That will include suicide hit-squads, but we must also use other methods, including strikes, to paralyse the government structure."



Donations from Burmese in Britain help to pay for their food.

He said he had made secret contacts with sections of the Army and hoped that significant numbers in the forces would desert their leaders. "We know that only nine of the 19 senior officers are loyal to the regime," he added.

In Rangoon, U Ko Hla Maung and others were marked men, as they have been leading street protests.

men, killing three of his friends.

Some students managed to bribe their way past government forces, but U Ko Myo, a botany student, was captured. When he refused to carry ammunition for the Army, soldiers beat him up with their rifles. He still has severe shoulder wounds.

Nearly 100 women students have come here. Daw Me Me, aged 19, a student of English, was an organizer of the illegal students' union at Rangoon University, and feared for her life.

She said: "I am worried about my parents, because they don't know where I am. But I want to take part in the armed struggle. We are ready to begin a civil war."

Referring to the opposition's registration of political parties for elections to be supervised by the regime, she declared: "We don't trust the opposition leaders in Rangoon, who have broken their pledges not to co-operate with the Army Government."

● RANGOON: About 1,000 guerrillas trying to seize a government post fought fierce battles with soldiers along the river border with Thailand about 130 miles north-east of here yesterday, a government spokesman said (AP reports).

More than 150 shells from mortars and recoilless rifles fired from Thailand crashed into Methawon on Sunday, he told a news conference. Shells fired by the guerrillas inside Burma also hit Thai territory.

Illegal exports row

US angry over poor results of Norway study

By Robert Fisk

US government officials in Washington and Paris are pouring scorn on the official Norwegian investigation into the sale of high-technology computer parts to the Soviet Union. They say that the sale allowed the Russians to manufacture more efficient submarines for their nuclear submarines.

The Pentagon has been expressing its displeasure to the Norwegians and to the Japanese, whose Toshiba Machine Tool Company was also involved — that almost two years after the scandal was disclosed by an American official in Paris on January 27, 1987, not one Japanese has been imprisoned and only one man, a British subject, has been charged in Norway.

The Norwegian police, for their part, complained that eight months after they had instituted their own national inquiry they had not been granted permission to question Japanese citizens who were involved.

The Americans' bitterness is greeted with weariness and resignation by some of their European allies in the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls, or Cocom, the organization designed to prevent strategic technology being exported to the Soviet bloc. European members of Cocom — which includes all the Nato countries except Iceland — see American suspicions as being primarily political, a product of Washington's "Cold War" mentality towards East-West trade.

The Norwegians, who suspect the Americans might also be trying to cut Europe out of the lucrative East-West technology market, are even suggesting privately that Soviet submarines had been equipped with the new propellers some two years before the software and machine tool sales to Russia took place.

But US anger is real enough. "The Norwegians have tried to fob everyone off with their police report," one senior US official said last week. "But their investigation is futile... They complained that the other countries would not help them; then they only had the guts to charge one man — and he was a Brit."

The Norwegians have charged Mr Bernard Green, a former employee of Kongsberg Vapenfabrikk, with giving false statements to the Norwegian Ministry of Commerce and the Customs authorities, and with sending forbidden exports out of the country.

In Japan, two of Toshiba's senior executives have already been let off with suspended jail sentences after being found guilty by a Tokyo court of involvement in the illegal sale of machine tools to the Soviet Union.

The same US official said: "What they sent to Russia was in two massive crates, each as big as a small house; so what Customs officers let that through? How much were they paid to turn a blind eye? Why were they not charged?" The Pentagon's defence technology department was so angered by the Norwegian police report, originally completed a year ago by Mr Tore Johnsen, the Drammen chief

of police, that it has now stored the entire text in one of its own computer databases in Washington as an example of how Cocom security should not be conducted.

The 31-page document does make extraordinary reading. As well as Japan, the Norwegians blame West Germany and Italy for violating Cocom regulations, and suggest that additional US companies may also have been involved. It adds that "data received also indicates that a company in Britain on one occasion has delivered two machine tools in violation of Cocom regulations". The report does not name the British company.

Nor does it name any of the Norwegian employees of the computer software plant who were interrogated about the illegal sales, stating simply that "the witnesses' identity will not be disclosed... in order to protect their personal privacy". The Norwegian



Mr Green: The only man charged over the exports, police said that they seized more than 250,000 pages of documents during their investigation but that their attempts to discover if the company had applied for export licences to the Soviet Union for several computer parts proved fruitless, because "all documentation" of this type from the relevant period has been destroyed in the (Norwegian) Ministry of Trade. The report does not venture to suggest why this should have happened.

The Norwegians discovered that specific computer control units were used with machines for the manufacture of submarine propellers, tracing their delivery to the Soviet Baltic Shipyard and also to a Russian company identified as Stankimport in Kiev. At least 76 deliveries of parts were illegal under Cocom regulations.

Other sales involved deliveries to a French manufacturer — no charges were laid against its employees — which in turn sent them on to Leningrad and Volgograd in the Soviet Union.

The Russians, the Norwegians concluded, would have wanted to acquire the systems' programme listings to modify a computer controller at Volgograd. Norwegian employees appear to have been in possession of these listings when they visited the Soviet company. But "during the installation period" (the listings) were stored in a mobile workman's shed, which was locked but to which the Russian interpreters had a key. For this reason, the report says, the listings had to be regarded as compromised.

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The woman behind the mask

Bryan Appleyard
delves beneath the
layers of make-up
and artifice in
search of the real
Joan Collins

Joan Collins is sitting in a suite in Claridge's. She wears black high heels, black tights, a short black skirt and a white blouse. Her hair tumbles in the approved fashion. The lipstick is applied to create a sharp downward V-shape on her upper lip and her no-coloured eyes are savagely outlined by thick pencilled curves which form two dagger-like points at the outer edges. She is swathed in thick gold chains and her forearms are armoured with a huge collection of bangles.

She looks like an ageing sado-masochist's dream. Except, that is, for the curiously large head, which seems imperfectly balanced on the startlingly fragile body and the thin, actressy voice which emerges from the whole terrifying concoction.

In fairness, it has to be said that she is not well. "I've got this ghastly flu. I got it in New York from the air-conditioning. It's so annoying, I can't shift it — and I'm never ill."

The bug meant she was well behind with her promotion schedule. There has been a photo-call and a press conference and a large number of public relations men fussing about the place. Tea, black with lemon, has to be assembled to soothe her throat. But the show has to go on and there is her first novel to plug.

"I like writing," she says, the throat now soothed and the legs assembled at the approved angle. "I've written bits of novels since I was six or seven. I edited the form magazine in the fourth form. I was always very good at English at school."

In fact, it is her fourth book. The first was an autobiography, the second a beauty book and the third a diary of the days she spent with her daughter in a novel, *Print Time*. The novel is a pasty run around life in the Hollywood television business. The heroine is an English singer who attains stardom through a part in a big soap opera called *Sagez*. Collins, of course, made it big in a soap called *Dynasty*. Wasn't the novel, therefore, rather risky close to home?



The public face of the soap star, and her protector: Joan Collins and her agent in London, promoting a new book which might be too closely based on her own Hollywood life and loves

"It would be far more risky to write a novel about cricket or flower-arranging — things that I know nothing about. I talked to people who are writers, and they all said you should write about things you know inside out in your first novel. Anyway, I have to tell you that the older I get, the less I give a damn about what people think. I really couldn't care less about what anybody thinks except the public."

The eyes, the only visible organic surface on her entire face, stare back, waiting to be challenged. She is wary and defensive, ready to stamp on the slightest sign of a cheap crack or a trick question.

"Writing was sometimes easy,

sometimes not. There were certain things that wrote themselves. But I did not like writing the violent scene. I'm very non-violent. The other thing was the sexual passages, which I rather avoided. The first scene was between Matt and Chloe. I'd just written in the manuscript that this was a very romantic love scene. After two and a half years, my editor asked: 'When am I going to see all of this scene?'

The sex, presumably, we can accept as being derived from life. But it turns out that the violence includes an element of reportage. The novel includes a character called Calvin, a murderous nut who stalks the heroine.

"That character seemed to be

alive in my mind. I've had that sort of thing happen to me in a minor way. It's not necessarily people wanting to kill you. They just sit outside your house day after day. Once two people walked into my bathroom when I had just come out of the shower with a towel round me — this was when I had a guard in the house. It just happened they were fans. Unfortunately there is this climate of fear that favours the types of characters I play. People think I am the same bitchy, vengeful, vindictive swine that I play."

Including, of course, the press. The British tabloid press features heavily in the novel, invariably with hideous pock-marked faces. "I have to say I don't know any

people who are great admirers of the British tabloid press. Do you?"

"Well, I am." She looks staggered, horrified.

"I could paper the room with the lies that have been written about me. There are certain tabloid magazines in Italy that just make up stories. Now the British press has started picking up these stories. There was one about some idiot Italian actor I was supposed to be going out with. It just goes in my cuttings, perpetuating the myth of Joan Collins with her toy boys. I don't consider somebody of 42 a toy boy."

The irony of her position appears to escape her. She is a tabloid queen made by the tabloids and happy to feed their

fantasies, yet she wants to sneer at them, too.

Her model of manhood is the sort of sinewy hunk who has lived a little, made a few mistakes, but is basically possessed of the Right Stuff of soap opera masculinity. Femininity involves embracing your youth, looking as much as possible like a 20-year-old until the coffin lid finally closes.

"A lot of my fans are women over 35. I represent something to them which is hopeful. You can laugh at this... — I had not dared —... and a lot of feminists with moustaches can laugh at it, too. But the fact of the matter is that it is a very sad indictment of our society that women's attractiveness is supposed to have

dissipated by the time they reach their early thirties. People are only interested in women if they have a cute, tight little bum and a winkleless face. If men can be accepted as attractive in their forties, fifties and sixties, then women can be, too. Of course, it has to do with looking after yourself."

The novel ends with the heroine reunited with the real love of her life, but Collins denies there is any chance of her returning to any of a long list of husbands and lovers. And she is reluctant to admit that she appears to have been a bad judge of men.

"I certainly don't think that Tony (Newley) and Ron (Kass) were bad men by any means. I'm still close to Tony — he's the father of my two eldest children. Ron, unfortunately, died. He was addicted to drugs, that's why I left him. Tony was a good person, he was just flawed. He was chronically unfaithful and I find that impossible to live with."

She has taken three weeks off to promote *Print Time*, having just completed two more "eps" of *Dynasty*. Nine more will finish the season and then she is considering whether to abandon her seven-year-old portrayal of Alexis for good. She has a film and a series she wants to make and she wants, eventually, to be a grandmother living in a big house in the South of France.

"I think one's life is a three-act play. The first act is always really good, the second is good, but most people's third act is not so good. And I want to have a really good third act."

Back to the old theme — the constant fear of ageing and death, the horrifying belief that looking attractive involves hiding behind ever thicker layers of deception. The inhumanity is beyond her comprehension. As a parting shot I ask if anybody has wondered about the real identity of Matt, the journalist lover of her heroine.

"Nobody has asked. I am just about to plunge in with my own rumour when she is overcome with a coughing fit. 'Tea,' she shrieks. Jeffrey, the little public relations man, scurries to oblige. 'This is why I was late today,' she splutters. 'Oh God, I hope I don't end up in the London Clinic. Don't we have enough photographs? My face is brick red...'

Jeffrey panics and puts milk in the tea. 'Oh God, what have I done?' he cries.

Joan Collins exits, pursued by her hair.
● *Print Time* by Joan Collins is published by Century Hutchinson this week (£11.95).

Prescription for genius

As well as a towering talent, Beethoven, Mozart and Liszt shared a remarkable gift — the ability to overcome pain and chronic illness, while at the same time producing great music.

It is this link between music and medicine which fascinates John O'Shea, an Australian doctor who has recently published a theory on the death of the virtuoso violinist Niccolò Paganini. According to O'Shea, Paganini was killed by his doctors, who over-prescribed mercury as a treatment for syphilis.

O'Shea qualified as a doctor in Melbourne in 1984 and has now suspended his medical career to see through the final stages of a book provisionally titled *Music and Medicine*, which will be published by Dent's next year.

As a doctor, his interest in the history of tuberculosis, syphilis and mercurial poisoning is understandable, but wherein lies the fascination with the deaths of famous composers? "I love music," he

Author and doctor John O'Shea draws a literary parallel between some musical giants and their illnesses

says. "The book is a tribute to the determination of composers such as Beethoven, Mozart and Liszt who, despite pain that would have killed most people, continued to produce brilliant music."

Liszt gave some of his finest concerts in London only months before his death in 1886. Although he was debilitated by a mixture of drink and cigarette, his body hid away his pain. Liszt went mad with what *The Times* called "Liszt fever".

O'Shea believes there is a curious and unexplored relationship between the great composers and their diseases. Many were hypochondriacs; Paganini, for instance, was obsessed with his bowels and suffered a chronic form of constipation.

Often, they formed close

friendships with their doctors. Brahms sought the advice of his physician Nicholas Billroth, a fine pianist, on his *Second Piano Concerto*. Billroth thought the Second Movement was too long and should be left out. Fortunately, Brahms did not accept his criticism.

Billroth offered an unusual insight into the relationship between medicine and the arts when he wrote to Brahms in 1886: "I have never met a great scientist who was not basically an artist, with a rich imagination and unaffected mentality... science and art draw upon the same source."

O'Shea agrees. "By its nature, medicine is a polyglot discipline," he says. "It has a tradition of breeding interest in the arts — certainly more so than pure physics and chem-

istry. Look at Kestis, who was a trained surgeon, or Conan Doyle, or Somerset Maugham."

O'Shea's medical training provides him with some invaluable insights into music. "Being a doctor enables me to assess abilities and disabilities," he says. He gives a detailed analysis of Paganini's extraordinary hands, which could stretch three octaves. "Certain passages of the 24 Caprices remain unplayable by anyone else."

O'Shea is at present acting as a locum in a London hospital and is planning a book on links between world leaders and their health. Even the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo could have a partly medical explanation, he believes. Apparently the great man was suffering from a bladder infection or gonorrhoea at the time, which dissuaded him from pursuing Wellington when he had the chance.

Emma Watkins

We all need dictionaries, if only to get our spelling ship-shape and Bristol-fashion. Used properly, they are by no means dull corsets on the language, but entertaining records as well as essential tools. Each has its own character. Oxford magisterial; Webster democratic; polyglot Yankee; Longman encyclopaedic on general knowledge and most helpful to duffers at pronunciation; Collins brisk with the latest science and technology.

After the big Oxford, Chambers is the most instantly recognizable by its style and pawky humour. It represents the noble Scottish passion for education and equality of opportunity. It is also the oldest native dictionary, preceding the first fascicle of the *OED*, *A-Ant*, by 12 years. So it records the life and language of the United Kingdom for well over a century.

Robert and William Chambers were poor young men of pairs from Peebles, with a noble passion for passing on their knowledge. They started the *Chambers Journal* in 1832 in the Galloway hills a shepherd would read it, and then pass it on to the shepherd of the next hill. Then came

Scots have a word for it

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various encyclopaedias. The Chambers Bros' books about creation and evolution were found odious by the Kirk, but were enormously influential. Their first dictionary was published in 1872, "at a moderate price for the general use". It was the prototype of the Chambers word treasury: a compendium of classical, vernacular, obsolete, rare, literary, biblical, scientific, technical, simple, compound, and derived words. The seventh edition, just published, retains the virtues and idiosyncrasy of the national institution. It has dropped *Twentieth Century* from its title to be ready for the next century. It has come to an arrangement so that it is published jointly with the Cambridge University Press (which needs a dictionary), and can accordingly make use of CUP's international academic distribution network. It is an international dictionary of the English language, but its Scottish flavour survives. It is still, nesting, arranging its entries in nests of related and cognate words rather than strictly alphabetically, so that "lying-in



hospital", being grouped under "lie", comes before "Liebig" the beef extract or glass condenser. This can make the wondrous miss a word by looking for it in strict alphabetic order, but it allows room for longer and more interesting explanations of each nest of words. Catherine Schwarz (daughter of an old Chambers graduate) and her team will reconsider the advantages of whether to nest or not to nest for the next edition they are already working on.

Their other problem is that Chambers cannot go on indefinitely growing much bigger without spilling over into two volumes. For the present here is the latest report on the state of our universal language, from *Milquetoast* to *zok* to *ziz* to *zoo*. If you want a one-volume dictionary for a good read as well as reference, and an occasional gasp or chuckle with a faint Scottish accent, Chambers is your book.

Philip Howard

● Chambers English Dictionary, edited by Catherine Schwarz (Chambers Cambridge University Press, £15.95).

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KATHARINE HAMNETT above: Pale blue hand-knitted cardigan with ruffled edge and matching trousers. JASPER CONNOR top right: Flared tunic over skirt in navy, brown and buttermilk printed silk. WORKERS FOR FREEDOM below right: Silver sequinned tunic and long raffia skirt



London Fashion Week has celebrated an exuberant revitalized Hippie Look, complete with hipsters, bell-bottoms, platform soles and psychedelic prints

"You go and buy the T-shirt. I'll see you after the show." This casual exchange between two American store buyers outside the Ritz on Saturday is as vital a part of the international fashion scene as all the polished clothes that are paraded at any designer show.

London has a Look. On the street, it is the T-shirt that revolves around the Acid House sub-culture. At the shows, it is the hippie look. Hipster pants, transparent shirts and platform soles. Nehru jackets in sharp colours, flared trousers, even a youth in a heavy-fringed Beatles bob, have all been spotted. What was merely the germ of an idea with trendsetters has now been given form for the mass manufacturers to follow by a joyous and authoritative show staged in London on Sunday.

When Katharine Hamnett, dressed in a psychedelic cat suit, turned up the volume on the loud pulse beat of her Rolling Stones tape and sent out a series of fresh images in washed silk, linen and twinning tartan, worn with platform shoes, she crystallized the emerging fashion look and showed how it could be frisky.

It's a look that has been picked up with equal confidence by our most establishment designer, Jean Muir. Her abstract-splashed cashmere tunics in acid yellow, violet or red, her peplum jackets in glossy kid worn with longer, skinnier skirts, look like the perfect refinement of the hippie mood in fashion. Hers is perhaps more kinetic in its interpretation than psychedelic, but it is just as much a part of the lively fashion mood seen over the weekend.

Designer of the Year Riff Raff Ozbeck's kaftans and Moorish

pyjama suits, Workers For Freedom's tie-dyes and raffia skirts, as well as Betty Jackson's very commercial collection of saffron linen dresses, voile sarongs and embroidered tunic jackets, all provided high points in fashion's long weekend of shows.

Dawn Mello, heading the buying team from Bergdorf Goodman in New York, seemed happy with what she had found in London. "Ideas, imagination, the individual look of British designers. That's what we're here for." Anouska Hempel's dramatic, sculpted evening dresses in dark crumpled crepe seen at her tiny studio were snapped up. Jean Muir's collection singing with elegant colour, as well as Katharine Hamnett's exuberant washed silks, were hot sellers.

The spontaneous whoosh of gossamer voile and embroidered chiffon, fringed silk and transparent lace, that is causing a flurry through the international designer shows (Milan last week, Paris next) appears to be in its natural habitat in London. This is where the hippie look began almost two decades ago. The new generation of designers to tune in to the laid-back look of gypsy skirts and bell-bottomed trousers, and to turn on to psychedelic colours and mystic prints, have a commercial shrewdness that earlier generations lacked.

Hamnett celebrated at the weekend the opening of her own shop on Sloane Street. "I try to create a sensation with thoroughly unsensational clothes," Hamnett once said. She succeeds. In her upbeat presentations the uniform simplicity of her easy separates exudes an energy that other more tricky designers fail to achieve.

The respect that Galiano commands in the fashion world was reflected in the large international crowd that swarmed into the tent for his show. But even Galiano's expert bias cut and his glowing spectrum of rusty reds could not lift the gloom of his downbeat line.

Jasper Connor, a designer who normally senses perfectly what a chic woman needs for modern life, and who carved out a unique niche supplying the only easy tailoring in London's mass of evening specialists, has abandoned his customer. He experiments too with a bias cut, caped shoulders and murky colours which most women will find difficult to carry off. Most successful are his cross-cross wrapped jackets in navy or soft red gaberdine, and double-breasted jackets that tie at the side.

Richard Nott and Graham Fraser, whose small Soho shop Workers For Freedom blossomed into an international fashion enterprise with £1 million sales around the world, made a confident debut showing in the "big tent" alongside the Exhibition Centre at Olympia for the first time. With their signature look of classic separates sparked off with feisty detailing like "knot" fastenings and fresh primitive prints, Workers seem to have a head start on the hippie look. There is a polished version, with silver sequinned chiffon tunics and trousers, ruffled shirts worn under tasselled tan suede jackets and tie-dye silk pyjamas. Antony Price creates an up-beat style much in demand with a showbusiness clientele. He scored a success with his new Toy Soldier suits with their high-waisted trousers, and Bo Peep crinolines.

PEOPLE

Brisk business in glamour

Many of the real stars of British fashion chose not to stage a fashion show, but settled down to the real purpose of the long weekend, selling the London Look.

Business is generally brisk in the sort of showy Ascot suits that play an important part of the London season, and the grand ballgowns that are the speciality of our top couturiers. But this season it is the short dramatic evening dress that is the star on both sides of the Atlantic. Bruce Oldfield parades his summer collection on November 1 at a grand gala in London in aid of Dr Barnardo's.

Arabella Pollen introduced a pretty heart-shaped bra to

her sculpted strapless dresses. Edina Ronay revives the sprigged Thirties tea dress. Gina Fratini mixes colourful Provencal prints in her puffed sleeved jackets and flounced skirts. Bellville Sassoon and Lorcan Mullany divide their glamorous collections into "society" (swags of duchesse satin) and "store" (off-the-peg frocks in swathed chiffons).

Customers of Caroline Charles will be encouraged to clash violet, red, peach, yellow in her wild silk gold buttoned jackets and skirts, which she paraded at her show yesterday at the end of the hectic four-day stint of selling.

Joan Collins kept appearing throughout the weekend

dressed in different numbers from David and Elizabeth Emanuel's latest collection. On Wogan she was wearing their new boned black moiré suit, and for signing books in Harrods a low-necked Prince of Wales check ensemble.

Catherine Walker chose the most exclusive venue of all for her parade, the wedding in Hereford cathedral of Camilla Dumas and Rupert Seames. She not only dressed the bride (in embroidered white georgette) and the bride's mother, but also Selma Scott in mid-night blue velvet coat dress, and her most celebrated customer of all, the Princess of Wales, in peacock green ottoman suit.



Black and white striped suit, Arabella Pollen

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THE ARTS

Washing their dirty socks in public

Television presenters in Britain used to wear evening dress and some, like Esther Rantzen, still retain a fondness for sequins. Others like to bolster their sense of authority with huge desks or special chairs.

The *Oprah Winfrey Show* (Channel 4) is an American import which does not subscribe to such elitist ideals. Here the studio is a temple dedicated to the normal person as that concept is understood in Chicago: the presenter's role is to participate rather than pontificate.

Channel 4 are screening this show a few days after its airing in America, which is a pity. British audiences would certainly have gained understanding of the Oprah phenomenon if they had seen more of her earlier work. Oprah Winfrey made her name, and fought her way from an obscure local channel to a nationwide network, with a number of devastatingly frank emotional investigations — rape, sexual harassment, domestic violence or addiction were her ideal topics.

What we have now is the small stuff, entertaining but scarcely shocking. The programme belongs to the genre of American female-oriented daytime shows in which domestic minutiae are of great

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significance. Last night the theme was tidiness, and husbands were in the dock accused of being either perfectionists or slobs.

There were the neat freaks who filed their screwdrivers, squared off their socks in piles, washed the garden gravel and tidied their wives' handbags. Against them stood the slobs: none of them hung their clothes up or washed up their dishes. One put his underwear in the fridge, another crammed whole rooms to the ceiling with junk and the worst left the worms to rot in his fishing tackle box for a month.

It was an enthralling insight into the home life of what are considered average American families. The victims were full of what Oprah called "TV savvy". Every marriage was a wise-cracking double act and the women conducted video tours of their homes as well as any trained reporter.

The series' appeal has always been Oprah Winfrey's style. In a profession peopled with Barbie doll clones, she is plump and black. Success has bought her bigger earrings, better grooming and a resemblance to the late Judy Garland. However, it is her tone and manner which makes the difference.

She is often violently emotional, but also dignified, down to earth and above all respectful towards the people she interviews. If they burst into tears, she cries her eyes out in sympathy with one ear listening to her director. Watching Oprah makes you forget the vulgarity of Esther Rantzen, the condescension of Clare Rayner and the awful closeness of all the rest.

Celia Brayfield

In the search for modernism, John Russell Taylor finds that art is going around in circles and even back to the stone age

A chip off the old block

GALLERIES

Sculptura
Yorkshire Sculpture Park, West Bretton, Wakefield

Nam June Paik
Hayward Gallery

Bernard Faucon
Rebecca Hossack

Ewen Henderson
Galerie Besson

Simon Lewty
Anne Berthoud

Michael Leventis
Solomon

Fifteen or 20 years ago we did know fairly clearly what we meant by "modern" and what sort of thing, very roughly, we might expect to see if we went to a show which advertised its allegiance to the avant-garde. But now, of course, we live in a pluralist world where often the most advanced, being probably Post-Modern, is likely to look the most traditional and retrograde. But even if the arts seem to be going around in circles (not to say ever-decreasing circles), in fact they never come back to precisely the same place: the one thing we cannot help being, no matter how hard we try, says Dali, is modern.

If nothing else, Sculptura, the show at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park until November 27, offers a clear demonstration of this fact. It is, naturally, of sculpture. But that term has covered a multitude of sins in the last few years, so it is best to say at once that the works shown here have nothing whatever to do with the pile-of-sand, coil-of-rope-and-fire-pail-in-the-corner school of sculptural invention. On the contrary, they are all carvings in stone, and some of them even in white marble, that most classic of media. Well, that need not be much of an encouraging sign either, when one considers the enormities of kitsch which have been confided to white marble in the recent past.

But fear not: all 17 of the artists represented belong very decidedly to our own time. Not by way of some frenzied assertion, but simply



Keeping ahead of the times: Igor Mitoraj's "Héros de Lumière", a cunning manipulation of classical fragments, at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park

because they cannot help it. And these days they have an amazing variety of styles to choose from without forfeiting their right to serious consideration as moderns. Perhaps the most striking single piece, Igor Mitoraj's "Héros de Lumière", is also, by chance, the most modest, since its cunning manipulation of classical fragments — the idea, not the actuality, since the two main apparent fragments are really one piece of stone which read as one or two or more depending on your angle of vision — is Post-Modern if anything here is. But you can see the same kind of illusionism in one of the most geometrically abstract pieces, the poised cube by Hilde van Sumere.

Other sculptors go off in completely different directions from their common starting-point in stone quarried at Carrara, Massa

or Pietrasanta. Jorgen Haugen Sorenson puts together pieces of rough-hewn stone which look almost (but of course not quite) as though they might just have happened. Gigi Guadagnucci carves vaguely plant-like forms of the greatest delicacy. Barry Flanagan is at his most elfin with shapes like toadstools or cromlechs. Pietro Cascella constructs a space littered with evidently sacred objects, even if sacred only to the cult of the sun. And Hidetoshi Nagasawa contributes his snake, curving expressively in dismembered sections across the grass: not so much a literal snake as the essence of snake-ness, exquisitely crisp and precise for all its seeming informality.

These pieces, however abstract, are close to what we have always thought of as sculpture. Nam June Paik, who is having a mini-

retrospective at the Hayward until December 11 (in company with the splendid Eisenstein show I wrote about from Oxford and an odd but interesting show of antique Tiger Rugs from Tibet), is much closer to the experimental re-definitions of the Sixties. He should be, for that is exactly when he emerged, having forsaken his native Korea for Germany and then New York in the heyday of performance art, video art, the assemblage and the installation. His work has something of all of these incorporated in it, though first and foremost it is video art.

Video art is a rather special sense, however. It is not so much art on video (though there are some videos pure and simple included), but art with television sets which — such is the nature of television sets — show videos on their screens from time to time.

Usually the set is the medium, the tape is the message, but here pattern is all. The sets are piled up into pyramids, or put together in the shape of robot-men, or installed in sketchy approximations of a theatre or a living-room. And away they flash, blinking colourfully in the dark or sometimes returning just one static image, as when Paik gives new meaning to the idea of Buddha's self-contemplation by setting up a Buddha in front of a television set which gives back to him an image of himself he can contemplate for all eternity, or at least until the current fails.

Anyone who finds all this a little too heady might do well to adjourn to the Rebecca Hossack Gallery at 35 Windmill Street, where until November 5 the French photographer Bernard Faucon has his own mini-

retrospective. Though Faucon admits to having made at least one film short in extreme youth, in fact his interests could hardly be more removed from the motion part of the motion picture. Some of his work is in the series of pictures of store-window dummy children in natural environments, some kind of history seems to be implied, but what is not there, what we supply with our own imagination, is just as important as what is.

Ewen Henderson, at the Galerie Besson until the end of the week, also creates his own world in his own unmistakable style. He is a sculptor, yes, though on a very small scale. His choice of material happens to be ceramic. But though some of his works are roughly in the form of platters or teabowls, function counts for virtually nothing: the shape, colour and texture are all. And in the larger pieces, all connection with domestic pottery vanishes: these are pieces torn from the living rock, or churned into existence in some volcanic explosion.

On show at Anne Berthoud until November 12, Simon Lewty observes wryly that he is not sure whether he is Post-Modern or Pre-Ancient. He again has evolved his own form of discourse, and his own medium for the message. Not exactly a painter, not entirely a draughtsman, not primarily a calligrapher. He sees the past and the present, the real and the imaginary, inter-fused in a way which recalls perhaps the films of Peter Greenaway or the novels of Peter Ackroyd or Howard Brenton's *The Romans in Britain* or, above all, David Jones, though curiously enough the writings much more than the visual works. In a word, his work is a puzzle, but a puzzling delight.

And then there is Michael Leventis. His first one-man show, at the Solomon Gallery until October 28, comes to us, extraordinarily enough, with a testimonial from Francis Bacon, and there is no doubt at a glance that Leventis is a great admirer of Bacon. But the influence, usually disastrous on less hardy beings, is here absorbed and used to produce something unmistakably personal and strong in its individuality. The subject-matter of Leventis's work includes segmented and more straightforward portraits, pictures of dead meat hanging or lying, architectural details and even, unexpectedly, flower-pieces. He sometimes uses collage: he sometimes mottles his paint with Lestrade. He is very diverse, and yet entirely consistent.

Master of perfection

CONCERTS

Fischer-Dieskau
/Höll
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Even the lone clarinetist on Hungerford Bridge was honouring the occasion in his own cunning transcription of the *Dichterliebe*. Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau was back in town. Schumann was chosen as the single focus of the first of his three recitals (Schubert tomorrow, Strauss on Friday), and there can be few more powerful experiences than watching that most literate of Lieder singers meeting quite the best-read song composer of them all.

The further Fischer-Dieskau travels, though, in his incessant and indefatigable search for the very essence of his art, the more the learning recedes and the responses of composer to poet, re-creator to creator become inseparably fused. His opening group of Ruckert settings had a euphoric simplicity about them: the voice leaped forward on the vowels, words slid into place, and then a sense of extreme relaxation would suddenly harden into a resilient, almost physical defiance.

A particular quality of withdrawn half-voice, such that the words barely moved the air, had

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Few of Schoenberg's works are exactly overplayed, but the Four Orchestral Songs op.22 must be among the rarest in performance. They require a singer who can be at once impersonal and visionary, and also smoothly melodic within the rootless world of fluid atonality. Even more challengingly, they require a large orchestra to act as a complex, co-ordinated system of chamber ensembles, never as a unity. The colouring is as varied and as vivid, even as in the composer's paintings of the period, making a special point of the only sound of six clarinets in unison, the fragility of a quartet of flutes, the dangerous exposure of long violin melodies played without support, the sudden shock of heavy brass.

This performance by the Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra, conducted by James Blair, was an admirable effort at the untoward, and it had the benefit of Christine Cairns's concern and arching

the audience in a state of near hypnosis for "Meine Rose" and, later, Eichendorff's "Der Einsiedler" (The Hermit). Fischer-Dieskau's intoning of the single word "Morgenrot" (dawn) with a degree warmer sound was just one example of a new level of artistic perfection which is characterizing his performances.

Neither is it, at 63, a question of artistry masking or distracting the ear from inevitable vocal weaknesses. For Fischer-Dieskau it is as though his own new insights and the considerable stimulus of those of his accompanist, Hartmut Höll, act as a fertilizer on the voice's own productivity.

So it was in the range of colour, timbre and dramatic pacing of which he was master in the biting Heine and Hans Andersen settings which dominated the evening. In the stinging, expressionistic horror of "Es leuchtet meine Liebe", the narrative anguish he uncovered in both "Die beiden Grenadiere" and "Der Soldat", and in the strange, distant introspection of his "Der Spielmann", Fischer-Dieskau incarnated nothing less than the paradoxes of the German romantic psyche itself.

After the feverish frivolity of Geibel's gypsy and smuggler songs came five encores, and a final promise of wit as well as wisdom later in the week.

Hilary Finch

phrasing. She had bravely taken over the songs at short notice, and possibly would have been able to sing with less evident carelessness had she had longer to prepare.

However, a certain under-realized quality may be in the nature of the work. This was the only composition Schoenberg published during the decade after *Pierrot lunaire*: it is the single, unsettling message of a man adrift, moving slowly and uncertainly towards his grasp on a new security of serialism and religious testimony. It may thus be inevitable and indeed essential that the solo voice sounds here, unusually for Schoenberg, to lack authority. Certainly the lonely circumspection with which Cairns voiced the poems by Rilke had its own courage and dignity.

Paul Griffiths

The Berlin Symphony Orchestra is not West Berlin's premier orchestra, as was stated in the introduction to yesterday's interview with conductor Claus Peter Flor, but is in fact from East Berlin.

The Shadow of a Gunman

Lyceum, Edinburgh

Donal Davoren, unlike his hero Shelley, will never throw stones through the stained glass windows of Irish religious or political bigotry. Caught up in the events of Dublin in May 1920, the poet accepts the pretence of being a gunman on the run to gain respect from the other inhabitants of this rotting tenement.

Other characters with a dimly glimpsed view of their own tawdriness project more glorious images of themselves. In this production the paths of their situation is not always realized and opportunities for relishing a particular dream were missed. But the text remains angry and pertinent today. How many individuals ever give themselves wholeheartedly to political events?

O'Casey's Ireland, the country

Home truths for saints and sinners

THEATRE

of saints and scholars, is inhabited here by the self-deluding and the ignorant. It is their tragedy that they missed the chance of building a new Ireland because they are so busy building their own self image. It is our loss that Hugh Hodgart's direction did not point to this pathetic element more fully and that so much of O'Casey's irony was held in check till the second act.

When the Black and Tans erupt violently on to the stage, we see at last the outcome of a nation at odds with its own identity.

O'Casey's general view of widespread selfishness is highlighted against Minnie Powell's altruism as she is dragged off screaming in innocent white. Lisa Grindall pays the price for Donal's self-delusion with purity, her Irish eyes shining. The irony that she has assumed the role of Kathleen ni Houlihan, Yeats's great national heroine went by largely unnoticed, not only by Stuart Hepburn's superstitious Seamus Shield or Jamie Newall's self-engrossed Donal.

The set was impressively cluttered it is true, but why O'Casey's Return Room should be envisaged by Gregory Smith as a large stairwell was beyond me. It added only distance and difficulties to

the comings and goings of a community living on top of itself. Romance and realism fight it out while the poet, who should lead the march towards personal responsibility and individual maturity, gets lost in his own vision. How true this is when the IRA itself is split, when Adolphus Grigson's Orange songs seem naive, when hiding in drink offers comfort, when women are not liberated, and when religious differences still divide a nation. Seamus understands the need for identification in a cause, but it is the tragedy underlying this play that like the characters the causes themselves are mostly hot air.

Superbly structured, O'Casey's play gathers to a greatness as each delusion is stripped off. In the 80s we have any amount of opportunity to see plays films and news coverage about Ireland. O'Casey's play puts political division back into the hearts and minds of the people.

Tinch Minter

Short and unsweet

OPERA

La traviata/Die Entführung
Glyndebourne

If Glyndebourne Touring Opera find themselves lacking quite their customary momentum on their travels, it is less the fault of individual performances than of the orchestral playing and musical direction.

La traviata and *Die Entführung* both suffer from ragged playing and sluggish pacing. And this is all the more evident because both productions have been still further pared down: Christopher Newell (for Verdi) and David Edwards (for Mozart) have simplified stagings both of which have been steadily streamlined during their evolution.

It is hardly Graeme Jenkins' fault if Fiorella Pediconi sings flat nearly all the way through "Ah, fors'è lui", but too often his baton fails to take the pulse of the moment. If Pediconi carries her part through increasingly powerfully it is in spite of, not thanks to, the playing of the London Sinfonietta Opera Orchestra. Tibère Raffalli, singing his first Glyndebourne Alfredo, is a rough but bright diamond; his father, played by Ella Padovan making his British debut, is as yet tentative in fleshing out what is a difficult role.

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TIMES DIARY

LORD ST JOHN OF FAWLEY

I flew into London last week from sunny California into a typically grey London day. Such subliminal conditions are often the source of lamentation but to me they are as beautiful as anything found in warmer and more constant climates. The trouble is that we are not taught to appreciate their subtleties. Furthermore, London winter drabness is punctuated by bright splashes of colour to which it provides a splendid counterpoint. They come mainly from the ceremonies for which the capital is famous. We have the Lord Mayor's Procession and the State Opening of Parliament to look forward to, occasions greatly appreciated by the populace. We are a people of a strong but suppressed imagination and hence care about the show.

The season of ancient ceremonies got off to a fine start with the Judges' Breakfast held at the invitation of the Lord Chancellor in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords. It originated in medieval times when the judges walked in solemn procession from the royal courts of justice to Westminster Abbey to invoke the guidance of Almighty God on their deliberations. And for 500 years or more they have been trekking across Parliament Square in October to inaugurate the legal year.

Famished by their spiritual exercises and strict fasting to receive Holy Communion under Catholic discipline, their lordships really needed a good breakfast, and the Lord Chancellor obligingly provided one. Today it has dwindled to a glass of wine and the odd sausage roll but the procession is as splendid as ever. Headed by the Lord Chancellor in full fig, followed by the Lord Chief Justice of England in matching glory, the pious judges and the lords of appeal, all with individual train bearers, flow from Poets' Corner to the grand portal of the Upper House. It looks like an extended and magnificent production of *Julius Caesar* and it raises the spirits on a chilly day.

While in the United States I naturally followed the presidential election with close interest. We are not much impressed here by the principal characters in the drama, but we forget a concept once much in vogue among scholastic theologians, the grace of office, which has visibly descended on at least two American presidents in my lifetime, Harry Truman and John Kennedy. I viewed the first of the two presidential debates in Wake Forest, and while American debating formalities seem a trifle stilted to one brought up in the rough and tumble of the Unions of the ancient universities and the House of Commons, they do unerringly reveal the characters of the contenders. George Bush wins on human appeal but on the intellectual level he is like a farthing dip shining in the presence of a 100-watt Dukakis lamp.

In Los Angeles I secured a coup: I not only heard but met Senator Quayle. He may not be John F. Kennedy or Teddy Roosevelt but he struck me as a thoroughly decent and competent man, comfortably on top of his subject — American missile defence — and dealt effectively with the questions of a distinguished and well-informed audience made up of members of the American Council on Foreign Affairs.

He really has been a victim of the dread American media, which took against him from the start. I hope he found comfort in my observation that in England there was much more interest in him than in the other three candidates put together.

BARRY FANTONI



'He always did have a reputation for being quick out of the stalls'

It is curious what an extraordinary turnover there has been among the great and the good in the arts world. We have the prospect of a new chairman of the Arts Council, the brilliant Peter Palumbo, Lord Armstrong is now reigning at the Victoria and Albert, Lady Soames has taken over the National Theatre from the incomparable Max Rayne, Sir John Sainsbury is busy revolutionizing Covent Garden, and almost the only plum left is the chairmanship of the Tate, which Richard Rogers is due to leave by Christmas. By tradition the Tate trustees agree on one of their own number and he is appointed. This time no consensus has emerged and those such as Sir Mark Weinberg, round whom one might have contemplated, do not want it.

I hear that the eyes of the new director, Nicholas Serota, are X-raying the Civil Service, but it would take a remarkable civil servant indeed to excel in such disparate tasks as cautiously guiding the government establishment and boldly leading Britain's artistic avant garde.

Yesterday I opened an exhibition in the crypt of St Paul's tracing the planning history of the environs of St Paul's from 1666 to the present day. It closely follows a previous exhibition over which I presided as chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission on the rival schemes of Sir Philip Dowson and John Simpson for development of the precinct.

Nearly 8,000 people visited this last exhibition and their comments are now being analysed for publication by Gallup. Should not all major architectural schemes be the subject of such exhibitions? My candidate for the next is one of the biggest of them all, Kings Cross St Pancras. This is one way of turning the Prince of Wales's dream of consulting the people on developments which concern them most into reality.

Many commentators argue that the Conservatives are set fair to win the next election. This judgement often rests upon the alleged weaknesses of Labour. Such views are comforting for Conservatives, but they carry the deadly seeds of complacency. Labour, in favourable circumstances, can spring to parliamentary life. This was shown in the debate on the NHS when Robin Cook used the issue of funding to put the Government on the defensive.

There is an immediate lesson to be learned. If the Government's economic policy begins to lose success and direction, John Smith and Bryan Gould will prove to be formidable. Such a danger has been given uncomfortable reality by this year's tax-cutting Budget, which received almost universal Tory praise for its radicalism and was a personal triumph for Nigel Lawson. The cheers, however, did not drown some voices convinced that, overall, it dangerously neglected the symptoms of renewed inflation.

At the time of the Budget the retail price index had been rising and stood at an annual increase of 3.5 per cent. There were other warning signals. House prices were rising strongly, pay increases were ahead of prices, and businessmen were reporting a tighter employment market with

John Biffen sees dangers for the Tories in further tax cuts

Why Lawson must recant

instances of labour shortages. These signs were overshadowed by an ominous credit expansion which suggested the Government had adopted a relaxed monetary policy. This contrasted with the rhetoric and actions of the early Thatcher years.

Despite these circumstances, the Chancellor decided to make substantial cuts in direct income tax. Equally important, he made a commitment to a further reduction of the standard rate of income tax from 25p to 20p. This decision can now be seen as highly questionable in the context of an existing huge credit expansion. The trade deficit, admittedly difficult to interpret, has vastly exceeded the Treasury forecast, and suggests strong retail demand. Much more serious is the retail price index which is now rising at an annual rate of 5.7 per cent. This is the highest level since December 1985 and reflects an increase in the inflation rate for eight months in succession.

This situation should clearly

alert, if not alarm, Conservatives. They have argued that a reduction in the inflation rate would be a hallmark of their economic policy. That commitment needs renewal. Above all there needs to be some balance between the Government's fiscal, monetary and public spending policies. That balance has been endangered by the recent over-emphasis on income tax cuts. The achievement of a rate of 20 per cent threatens to become an over-dominant factor in economic policy.

Three consequences could flow from this dominance. First, the Chancellor will be obliged to justify the tax cuts using "supply side" arguments. Since 1979 government policies have improved the national economic performance. Measures involving trade union reform, a free exchange rate and free movement of capital have all hastened economic change. None the less there will be increasing doubt about the proposition that marginal tax cuts will get businessmen off the

golf course and into greater pursuit of profit. The Conservatives have a good range of "supply side" arguments, but they will lose the debate if they try and extend them to personal tax cuts.

Secondly, the emphasis on income tax cuts will make it even more necessary to raise revenue from other sources, which could affect the timing and treatment of the electricity and water privatization issues. There is an excellent case for both these utilities being financed by the private sector, and for ensuring a spread of ownership. These considerations should be foremost, and privatization should not be subordinated to Exchequer demands for revenue. Therefore any legislation should not be accelerated to fit a Treasury timetable, with the likelihood of yet another parliamentary session burdened with complex law that has been hurriedly and imperfectly prepared.

Thirdly, the commitment to

reduce income tax will almost certainly result in further constraints on public spending. Admittedly this is essential and has long been a feature of this government's policy. None the less it must be applied with greater political and social sensitivity. The Conservatives cannot afford manifestly to underfund the growing and justified demands being placed upon the NHS.

Of course none of these adverse factors may emerge to compound the present difficulties of renewed inflation. But prudent Conservatives should make known their caution. Third-term Conservatism will surely fail if it believes its policies are beyond question. Hitherto Nigel Lawson has been widely acclaimed for his stewardship of the Treasury, but recently his policies have come under sharper scrutiny, particularly from his erstwhile profession of financial journalism, and some City analysts. He has rounded on these critics as

"teenage scribblers". Now the IMF has taken up scribbling. This petulance is misplaced. He should perceive that inflation has already taken the centre stage of the economic debate, and there is a danger that the commitment to future income tax reductions could unhinge the balance between fiscal and monetary policy and public spending. That balance must be restored, and the income tax priorities made explicit in the Budget must be revised.

The present situation can only bring advantage to Labour, which will soon start claiming to be a sound-money party. The income tax cuts will be caricatured as the Tories making Britain a nation fit for yuppies, whereas Labour's tax policies will permit a better funding of health and education.

A Labour initiative in economic policy is not a mirage; it is a likely challenge in the months ahead. This parliamentary session has confirmed that the Government is fully endowed with action. Now it needs a sense of direction. That challenge awaits Nigel Lawson or his successor. A counter-inflation strategy is essential to help preserve the economic initiative the Conservatives have largely held over the past decade.

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Ian Murray

Territorial imperatives

Jerusalem
The "wonderface" pencil holder has arrived just in time for the Israeli general election. On each of its four sides is a caricature of one of the top two men of the two main parties. Made of identical strips a bit like a Rubik Cube, a slight twist means that Shimon Peres can get Yitzhak Shamir's twinkling eyes, and David Levy's ever-moving lips can replace the monosyllabic mouth of Yitzhak Rabin. In all it can be twisted to create no fewer than 1,024 different faces.

None of them at the moment seems to fit Israel's pressing needs and, with opinion polls showing support for the two main groups of parties still split roughly 50-50, the election on November 1 seems likely to result in a further stalemate of decision-making.

The campaign, packaged with slick American efficiency for bored television audiences, is having difficulty getting off the ground, principally because the arguments are so well known by now that electioneering seems to have been going on ever since the formation of the ineptly named National Unity government four years ago.

The one really new element in the debate on foreign affairs — under which the peace issue is classified — was contributed two months ago by a non-Israeli who would win no votes even if he could stand in the election. By announcing that he had cut all legal and administrative ties with the occupied territories, King Hussein of Jordan turned the Palestinian tiger loose among the doves and hawks of Israeli politics, rustling feathers and necessitating a quick re-think of strategy.

The King's move was undoubtedly a severe setback to Peres, the Labour Party leader, who has made so much effort trying to make credible the "Jordanian option", by which Israel would hand over its troublesome Palestinian population to the Hashemites.

The one really new element in the debate on domestic issues was contributed this week by the Bankers Trust Company of America. On Sunday it went to court to seek the liquidation of

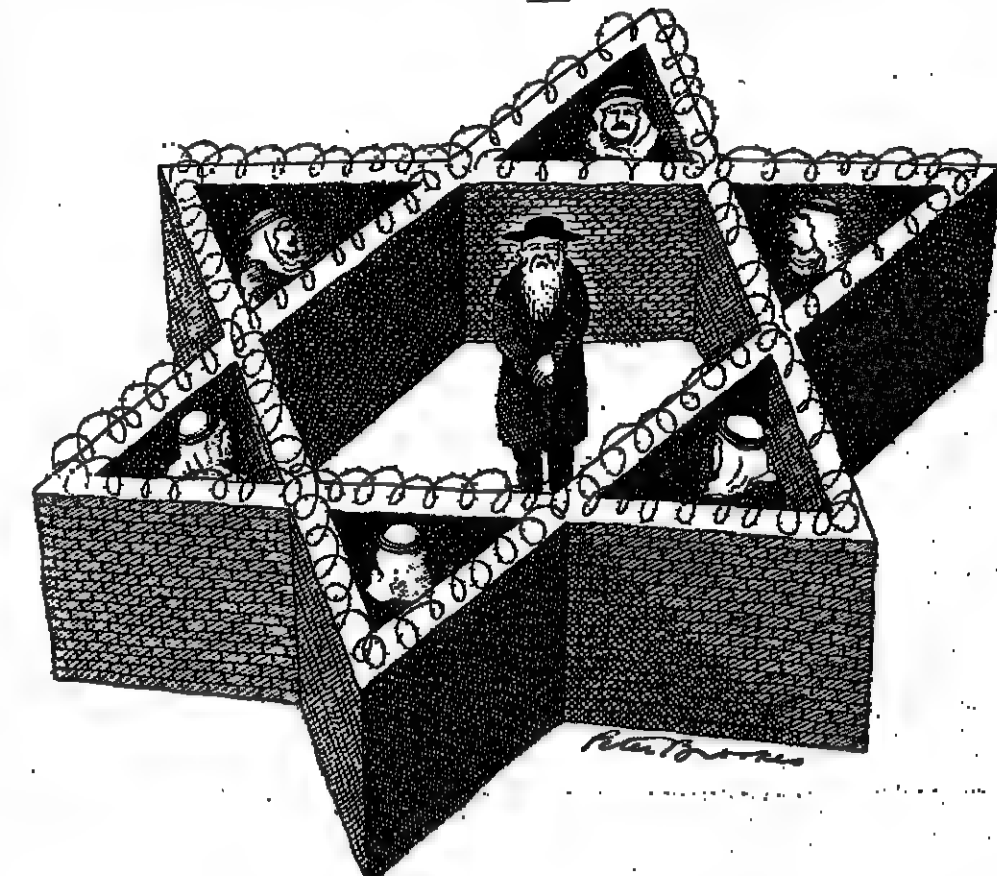
Koor Industries, Israel's largest industrial concern, which employs 27,000 people and contributes 10 per cent to the nation's wealth. Koor has gone hundreds of millions of pounds into debt and the fact that it is owned by the trade-union Histadrut Federation, which is closely linked to Peres's party, finally shatters the national belief that Labour alone has the experience to run the economy.

With the finances of the Moshav and Kibbutz movements in a shambles, the Histadrut health service in chaos and its giant building company bankrupt, Labour finds it difficult to sell the line that all these troubles are the result of seven years of Likud misrule between 1977 and 1984.

It is, however, the peace issue which overshadows the entire debate and where, on the face of it, the public has the choice between two very different policies. Labour is for territorial compromise; Likud is against.

Against the background of the continuing uprising in the occupied territories, the public is more concerned about security than it is about peace. This fact has put Peres on the defensive, forcing him to concentrate a good deal of his campaign on trying to prove that Israel would not be endangered by handing over land in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to Arab control. In this he has the advantage of having Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, on his side. As a former army chief of staff now widely respected here for his firm handling of the Palestinian uprising, Rabin is heeded when he says he would not support territorial compromise if he thought it endangered Israeli security.

Labour's idea of territorial compromise envisages handing over the rule of the heavily populated Arab areas to Jordan, allowing the people there to live in demilitarized islands cut off from Jordan itself by a thin stretch of Israeli-controlled land along the Jordan river which would be bristling with guns pointing defensively eastwards. Inside the Arab "islands" would be Israeli "islands", because existing settlements would not



be dismantled but would remain under Israeli sovereignty.

The headline Ariel Sharon, anxious to exploit any national consensus, has put forward a plan for extending Israeli rule over those areas of the territories which Labour wants to keep, arguing with apparent reasonableness that both sides at least agree on not surrendering them. It would be a start to annexation, however, and as such Likud will have none of it.

Likud fights shy of open annexation because that would pose the impossible question of what to do with the Arab population. If they were given the vote Israel would soon cease to be Jewish. If they were denied the vote Israel would cease to be democratic.

Although the vast majority of Israelis are undoubtedly repelled by Rabbi Meir Kahane's plan to force all Arabs to leave, the difficulties of co-existence, which increase as every plastic

bullet is fired, have made the question of "transfer" a political topic. The High Court will decide today if the Rabbi's Kash party can run in the elections — the Knesset elections committee having said it should be disqualified on the grounds that it is racist. If he is kept out, his supporters will turn to the right wing or religious parties and, being strong activists, their voice will undoubtedly be heard increasingly loudly within them.

For the Labour plan to work at all needs Jordanian co-operation. Putting a brave face on the fact that Hussein has handed over control of the territories to the Palestinians themselves, Labour says he does not really mean it and that if it wins the election he will be ready to come back. There can be no settlement without Jordan, Labour argues, because so many Palestinians already live in Jordan that it would be impossible to solve the problem by splitting them into

two separate countries. If the King does not resume talking, Labour says it will still pull the troops out of Arab cities and allow locally elected mayors to take over.

As far as the Palestinians are concerned, Labour's ideas and Likud's plans are only academically different. Both parties refuse to consider the establishment of a Palestinian state. Both refuse to hand over east Jerusalem to Arab control. Both refuse to talk to the Palestine Liberation Organization, which, despite efforts by Islamic fundamentalists, remains the only real representative of the vast majority of the people living under occupation.

The fact that Labour is as intransigent as Likud suggests will lose it many of the Israeli Arab votes on which it has been able to rely in the past, particularly as Rabin's iron fist has been smashing brother Arabs in the territories. The uprising has

sharpened the sense of Palestinian identity and many are likely to support a new list formed by Abdel Dajani, a former Labour Knesset member.

Between them Israeli Arabs could elect 16 Knesset members, which would easily be enough to hold the balance of power. They still lack unity, however, and the likely outcome is a splintered vote which will have little if any influence.

On the present showing, Likud and its allies are likely to win a marginal victory. Likud leaders suggest that to stay in power they would be prepared to invite dissident Labour ministers such as Rabin into a new unity government. This result would mean no real change in policy.

Even if Labour wins narrowly it will be difficult for it to make the kind of concessions it is talking about in the face of inevitable militant opposition against any handover of territory. Any chance of a clear Labour victory seems to have been dashed by Hussein's decision to pull out of the occupied territories; indeed, he might have been motivated by a wish to destroy the Labour platform.

If Peres, who is widely respected throughout the world, were elected and started to offer compromises, the Arabs would be under pressure to accept something they do not want. If Shamir is elected and stands firm and intransigent, world pressure will remain on Israel.

In his elder statesman role, Shamir can somehow plausibly lead a government which finds the money to send Israeli satellites into space but which cannot find the money to build polio-free sewers. Peres, having twice failed already to win an election, cannot hope to survive long as Labour's leader if he fails again, and the party may feel it must rethink its strategy for peace.

If Labour loses, the chance of territorial compromise will be gone for at least four years. The world will discover if Shamir is right in saying that the Palestinians will then give up their struggle and settle down resignedly and peacefully under permanent Israeli rule.

Commentary • TIM CONGDON

Pinochet the pioneer

With the recent plebiscite signalling the beginning of the end of military rule in Chile, the time has come to put into perspective the free-market economic policies which Chile has pursued over the past 15 years. These policies have attracted controversy out of all proportion to the size of the country and its role in the international economy, and will probably be debated for decades to come.

Shortly after the overthrow of President Allende's socialist government in 1973, General Pinochet set economic policy on an entirely new course. Acting on the advice of a small group of academic economists (known derisively as the "Chicago boys"), he agreed to wide-ranging reforms which stimulated competition, extended private ownership and used monetary and fiscal policies to combat inflation. These changes were in abrupt contrast to Chile's past, when government subsidies, high tariffs, tight import restrictions, nationalization and price controls had been the norm. There was a special emphasis on reducing inflation, which was about 1,000 per cent when the coup was staged.

A list of the new policies does not sound particularly interesting today. In the intellectual environment of the late 1980s — when British trade union leaders complain about "cordless telephone socialism" and China is setting up stock exchanges — policies such as privatization

and monetary control have become humdrum. Many countries — developed and developing, socialist and capitalist — are taking steps to strengthen the role of market forces in their economies. The original Chilean programme does not sound radical or even particularly unusual.

But the climate of opinion was very different in the mid-1970s. At that time increased government involvement in the economy had been an established pattern in most countries for over a century. Particularly in intellectual trend-setters like Britain, there had been persistent tendencies towards greater state ownership and a rising share of government spending of national income. The policies adopted in Chile were controversial not just for their uniqueness, but also because they reversed a seemingly inevitable international trend.

The Third World development lobbies in the major industrial nations, which were mostly socialist in sympathy and had praised Allende as the "first democratically elected communist president", were shocked. They took every opportunity to malign Chile's new economic policies and to blacken the country's international image. This was easy to do. As Pinochet's authoritarian regime was brutal in suppressing its opponents, the economic policies could be stigmatized by associating them with unsavoury aspects of the anti-terrorist

drive. Moreover, the initial phase of anti-inflation policy was accompanied by a severe recession.

But two events in 1980 began to change international perceptions. The first was the publication by the World Bank of a detailed and well-argued report, entitled *Chile: An Economy in Transition*, which heaped praise on the new approach to economic policy. Although only for "a restricted distribution" and "not to be disclosed without World Bank authorization", its contents leaked out. Secondly, in a national plebiscite majority support was given for a constitution which envisaged at least another eight years of military rule. (Those who think this plebiscite was rigged ought to ask themselves why they have so readily accepted the results of a similar exercise last week.)

The truth was that Chile's free-market experiment had been a success. Of course, the success was not unqualified. A further traumatic recession in 1982 led to cyclically higher unemployment, while many observers worried that the policies had resulted in greater structural inequality. But in the mid-1980s a clear divergence in economic performance emerged between Chile and the rest of Latin America.

Chile had low inflation, stable growth and a fair degree of international credit-worthiness. Other countries had sky-high inflation often in excess of 100

per cent a year, volatile growth associated with erratic policy upheavals (such as the Austral Plan in Argentina and the Cruzado Plan in Brazil) and constant bickering with the international banks. In 1988 inflation in Chile will be about 10 per cent, whereas in Argentina and Brazil it will exceed 500 per cent.

The World Bank now gives almost standard advice to developing countries, from China and Turkey to Malawi: scrap price controls and subsidies, eliminate import quotas, and cut import tariffs... It would not have the same credibility if the first comprehensive programme along free-market lines, in Chile in the late 1970s, had been a failure.

Many people will say the Pinochet government has been so glibly that nothing good can have come out of it. That view is understandable. But it overlooks the inability of Latin American countries, for at least 150 years, to combine full democracy and sound economic management. The challenge for Chile's new leaders will be to reconcile a competitive, party-based political system with a competitive, free-market economy.

It is interesting as a comment on how the reforms are regarded in Chile, and encouraging for their survival in a different political culture, that the Christian Democrats have said they do not want to disturb the existing economic arrangements.

OCT 11 ON THIS DAY 1867

Contravention is no stranger to the Lord Mayor's Show. In 1867, for example, the police banned an attempt by London's unemployed to join the tail of the procession.

A GROTESQUE CEREMONY

"A Citizen" has made a modest appeal on behalf of good taste and common sense against the present manner and form of the Procession on Lord Mayor's Day. It so happens that while all other rites, ceremonies, and pageants whatever, unless we except a few churches, have undergone simplification, the annual Procession on November 9 becomes, year by year, longer, noisier, more absurd, and more grotesque. All the other municipal bodies in the kingdom have discarded these usages, sold off their paraphernalia, and confined their annual ceremonies to the plain requirements of the case. GODIVA is not a municipal institution. Few Processions aiming at the imposing and picturesque are now seen, unless it be a travelling circus, a menagerie, or a unionist demonstration. In these cases special objects are to be obtained, and a prestige created. But it is not easy to say what prestige the city of London is likely to acquire by a Procession half a mile long, containing hundreds of banners, eight or nine bands of music performing different tunes, knights in brass armour, fantastic costumes, a squadron of Life Guards, in a motley of hose, foot, and carriage. Till a few years ago the Lord Mayor "took the water" at Blackfriars-bridge,

and performed the voyage to Westminster in a magnificent barge, which, we believe, now makes an admirable smoking-room for one of the Oxford boating clubs. In those days, Fleet-street, the Strand, and Parliament-street were saved the annual infliction, traffic was not stopped, and nobody west of Temple-bar was compelled to see a Lord Mayor of London in "this pride." It might have been supposed that the abandonment of the aquatic part of the progress would have furnished a timely hint to the managers of the rest, and that upon the Procession venturing on an unknown region it would have observed a cautious modesty. Any pageantry, however extravagant, might find itself at home in the medieval associations of Chesapeake and St. Paul's. On the contrary, no sooner had the "Show" burst the barrier than it rushed down the Strand with redoubled volume, roar, and absurdity. The Lord Mayor is the man to be pelted. For nearly three miles he is carted at a funeral pace amid the idiotic or lowest sightsees of this metropolis, in the oldest and most lumbering vehicle extant in its production, of unknown antiquity, was sold by the City, and ultimately presented by an enterprising merchant to an African King, who sits in it, on all State ceremonies and receptions. The ceremony in its present form belongs to the past. The Lord Mayor's coach would be its place if GOC and MAGOC were carried before it, as they used to be; if the street gutters were made to run with claret and beer, and an angel, a beathan god, or a cardinal virtue made a speech, and an offering every hundred yards.



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THE HUMAN CITY

Among the political issues before the Brighton conference the "inner cities" are no longer the height of fashion. The rural "lager louts" have seen to that.

But to the compilers of the Tory agenda, Mrs Thatcher's now famous victory pledge to the depressed centres of urban Britain has not been forgotten. Today the Stockton South Conservative Association is permitted to congratulate HMG on "its energetic approach to the problems of the inner cities" and Mr Tony Newton, the minister in charge, will reply. It may not exactly be a debate (in the generally accepted meaning of that much abused word) but it should be an opportunity to clarify thought.

The Prime Minister's admonition in June 1987 resulted in a rash of different enthusiasms, most with different organizations to match. Ministers began a campaign of conscience-raising, mostly at much-publicized breakfast times.

There was immediate tension between those who revelled in the variety, with its recognition that individual business choices, not acts of Government, created jobs, and those who wanted greater ministerial planning from the centre. There were accusations that it was all hot air, that some of the cities were doomed anyway, that businessmen in the big northern cities were either too demoralized or too selfish to help their communities, that the whole idea of the "inner city" was an invention.

Some of those battles are still going on. But, of one thing there can be little doubt, however inadequate the statistical base, the principal urban areas of the British mainland are in a significantly healthier condition this autumn than they were last.

That has been caused by the wash outwards from the South-east of domestic property price inflation, by the "knock on" effect of rising prosperity in the nation at large. There has been an accelerating process of regeneration, led by the price of property. Jobs have followed. It can be a source of unstinted celebration today that, at last, indices for unemployment are falling even in the urban blackspots of Merseyside. But ascribing this

success to the workings of "inner city policy" is incautious. Public relations is important to reviving economic confidence. But Mr Newton would be stretching the credibility of his conference too far if he ascribed to the launch of *Action for Cities* on March 7 this year the greater sense of buoyancy and hope that is now palpable in such cities as Sheffield and Newcastle.

The "inner city" breakfasts do seem to have had an effect on regional business opinion, maybe even imparted a certain fashionableness to the idea of development in the inner areas. The mixed motives of private sector businessmen, big and small, in associating themselves with business in the Community or the Confederation of British Industry's various schemes are not something to be worried over: inevitably a good businessman will seek a commercial advantage from involvement in good causes.

But there is a danger in expecting too much. The businessmen of Newcastle and Birmingham are not the nineteenth-century philanthropic giants that some would have them be. They are not as free as their predecessors. They are mostly managers with shareholders and city analysts on their backs. Even more importantly they are not as rich as their predecessors for whom financial supremacy in the black country was supremacy throughout the whole world.

The Government can take pride in the abundance of schemes and the seeming confusion of it all as long as jobs are being created on the ground and new building going up. But the Government must also be prepared to supply leadership which today only government can supply.

There has been an excessive concentration on bricks and mortar. Eventually the new offices have to be staffed, the new factory starter units to take on workforces. Will they recruit in the inner areas, on the council estates? Will they take on Moss Side or Torduff blacks, and make a contribution to training them if they are under-qualified? The human dimension still needs to be filled.

BALANCING IN THE BALTIC

The Soviet Republic of Latvia has become the second of the three Baltic states to celebrate the founding of a "Popular Front". Consecrated at the first religious service to be held in Riga's Lutheran Cathedral for 30 years, the popular front brings together moderate nationalist-minded Latvians and members of the Communist Party in an alliance professing to favour greater political and economic autonomy for the republic.

Even a year ago, the establishment of any organization in the Baltic in which communists and nationalists participated together would have been unthinkable. So fervent are national loyalties in the region and so widespread the view that Communist Party members are collaborators with the Russian enemy, that reconciliation of any degree seemed unlikely.

When the Lithuanian "Movement for Perestroika" holds its founding congress in two weeks' time, however, all three Baltic states will have an organization which espouses the nationalist cause without demanding secession from the Soviet Union. That is a triumph for Mr Gorbachev in his attempts to defuse real and potential nationalist tension in the Baltic, and should be seen as such. It is also a reflection of the hopes that his policies have aroused among the Baltic peoples.

Mr Gorbachev's triumph has not been won without concessions. The programme of the Latvian Popular Front, like the programme of its Estonian counterpart, includes far greater economic autonomy for the republic, official recognition of the national flag and recognition of the national languages which, their speakers feared, were doomed to extinction.

It may also entail a reduction in Russian immigration into the Baltic states. While Russians like to move to the Baltic for its higher standard of living, Balts resent their arrival. Not only do Russians make demands on housing and services which the native populations believe should go to them, but in

Latvia they have long threatened to outnumber the natives.

If, in exchange for these concessions, Mr Gorbachev has bought tranquility in the Baltic states, he has a bargain. In exchange for a few symbols, however potent, he has enlisted the support of many otherwise recalcitrant Baltic intellectuals, given an impression of greater democracy and freedom in the Western part of the USSR and generated good will towards Moscow. He has also kept the Communist Party — albeit with new leaders in each republic — firmly in charge.

If, in addition, the Baltic states use the promise of virtual economic autonomy to become more efficient and more prosperous, their enrichment may minimize future nationalist unrest and offer an example — and perhaps a subsidy — to less successful parts of the Soviet Union. What Mr Gorbachev may have effected in the Baltic states, at least in the short term, is the possibility of three Communist-dominated governments of "national reconciliation". This is a policy he has favoured for trouble spots like Afghanistan, but failed to realize.

The new strategy for the Baltic republics holds risks, however. Many people outside the popular fronts will doubt their efficacy, including a considerable number for whom nothing less than genuine independence from Moscow will do. Harking back to the "golden age" between the wars when the Baltic states briefly enjoyed independence, they will bide their time until the popular fronts either collapse through failure to bring the promised benefits or are crushed by a fearful Moscow.

Flags, anthems, church services and teaching in national languages may help to satisfy a long-standing hunger in the Baltic states, but they may also whet the appetite for more. How great a danger that becomes, depends on how genuine is the autonomy Mr Gorbachev now has to offer.

OIL TROUBLE

The ceasefire between Iran and Iraq has converted the cynical Gulf shipping war into an accidental oil war. Some prices are now at little more than half their official Opec level — a result that is infinitely preferable for sailors and consumers.

It was predictable that the two war-devastated powers would want to open their taps as far as possible to pay for reconstruction. Oil traders and other members of the Opec cartel initially thought differently, however. They assumed that a cessation of hostilities between two of the most important producers would herald new Opec unity.

They hoped that Iraq would rejoin the fold to re-establish its Arab credentials — with the incentive of generous reconstruction aid from Saudi Arabia and other rich Gulf states; while for Iran, the prospect of improved relations with Gulf states, cemented by financial aid, would be attractive because wartime damage would make it hard to raise output fast.

This view fitted the Saudi desire to resurrect its peacetime political influence. It proved a sorry misreading of post-war ambitions — one which has probably exacerbated the ensuing chaos in the oil market. The Saudis now fear they could lose influence in Opec. They have, therefore, adopted the high-risk strategy of raising their own output to push down prices and knock other members heads together.

Two years ago, when the Saudis last tried this tactic, it had mixed results. It made Saudi Arabia so unpopular that Sheikh Yamani, its long-serving oil minister, had to go. But cartel discipline was partly restored and oil prices recovered sharply.

The first target of this autumn offensive is next week's scheduled meeting of Opec's inner

council, which includes both Iran and Iraq. The signs are that Iraq will demand so many concessions, over anything from its future quota to the peace negotiations, that little will immediately be achieved. The real target for agreement will be next month's full meeting of Opec.

Opec has been to the brink and back several times before. This time it will surely be harder. For a long time, the Gulf war disguised a glut of oil at prices attractive, for instance, to potential North Sea investors. That glut was the inevitable backlash to Opec's last successful attempt to rig the market in 1979. It took time for non-Opec members to raise output and for industry and consumers to reduce their long-term demand.

Much as industrial consumers appreciate the delights of a glut, it is damaging for the oil industry and for oil-producing developing countries. It would also endanger the stability of the world economy for the price of so basic a commodity to fall far below the level necessary to secure adequate long-term supplies without total reliance on the Gulf.

Having created an oil cycle, however, it will now be much harder for Opec to stop it. Its members no longer fully control the market. Saudi Arabia has become fed up with acting as the swing producer in Opec, relied on by other members to absorb their own excesses.

Opec as a whole is now little more than the world's collective swing producer, able to influence the price by collective self-denial but not to reap the full benefits. There is little chance of an official price of \$18 per barrel sticking. In this harsher climate, Middle East politics may loom larger than economic interest — with unpredictable results.

Taking chances with our planet

From the President of the Royal Meteorological Society

Sir, With the ever-increasing concentration of "greenhouse" gases in the atmosphere caused by man's activities it may be, as the Prime Minister has said (report, September 28), that we have unwittingly begun a massive experiment with the system of this planet itself. Mathematical models indicate worrying possibilities for climate change within our children's lifetime.

Such changes would be difficult to reverse. But the predictions are only as good as our, as yet, incomplete understanding of the climate system.

There would seem to be a *prima facie* case that man's activities are capable of causing global warming and other changes. However, we need to quantify these predictions and the limits of uncertainty so that governments can take appropriate steps. We shall not be able to do so until we understand better the physical and biological feedbacks that act naturally to intensify or counteract man's effects.

Technology, in the form, for example, of faster computers and new satellite instrumentation, provides us with the potential to meet this challenge. Britain can play and is playing a part in this work.

We have a long tradition of excellence in atmospheric science and we still retain a core of expertise and facilities which can keep us in the first division in the quest to understand the climate. But we do require resources to bolster areas of long-term fundamental research and to encourage more good young scientists to enter our field. Yours faithfully, KEITH BROWNING, President, Royal Meteorological Society, James Glesher House, Grenville Place, Bracknell, Berkshire, October 6.

Facts and fiction

From Mr J. I. Chisholm

Sir, Mr J. W. Saunders (October 3) expresses concern at the invention, and more particularly falsification, of known facts by modern authors in their dramatic presentation of past events. He contrasts this to historical novelists like Sir Walter Scott who, as a historian, "took pains to get the facts right in his novels".

Sir Walter Scott was certainly a good historian, but he consciously often took considerable liberties with facts and chronology in his novels. In response to a critic of his handling of historical material about the crusades, he wrote:

My violation of the truth of history gave offence to Mr Mills, the author of the *History of Chivalry and the Crusades*, who was not, it may be presumed, aware that romantic fiction naturally includes the power of such invention, which is indeed one of the requisites of the art (introduction to *The Talisman*, 1832).

Other great authors, including Shakespeare (most notably in his portrayal of 15th-century England, and most particularly in the portrayal of Richard III) have taken similar liberties. All dramatic reconstructions of past events are still drama — a point which those opposed to "factual" would be better served making rather than complaining about historical inaccuracies.

Yours faithfully, J. I. CHISHOLM, 22 North Avenue, Twickenham, Middlesex, October 5.

Rule of law

From Mr Christopher Derrick

Sir, We must all share Bernard Levin's regard (October 4) for the rule of law: that is, a judiciary independent of the executive and able, without restriction, to uphold and enforce the law, if necessary in defiance of the rulers.

But that, although necessary, cannot go to the heart of the problem, so long as "the law" itself is formulated, and subject to unlimited modification, by those same rulers. I don't consider it likely that in the near future, any British Government will pass (say) a Jewish and Negro Citizens (Extermination) Act, or even an Overseas Travel (Prohibition) Act.

But such things have been known to happen; and if they happened again, with all due parliamentary process, where would they leave Mr Levin's independent judiciary? Upholding and enforcing "the law"?

In less spectacular versions, this is a real and immediate problem. It is a long time since our judges attempted to do justice as between the citizen and the State, "in defiance of the rulers". The established practice is that they should

Low-cost surgery

From Mr Robin L. Allum and Sister Heather Voisey

Sir, We hear a lot about the inefficiencies in the health service and how use can be made of the private sector for the sub-contracting of health-service work. Recently in this hospital an extra operating session was carried out on a weekend to reduce the waiting list for knee operations such as torn cartilages.

Modern technology means this can now be done on a day-case basis. This extra session was

Striking a balance on teachers' pay

From Mr Don Hurley

Sir, Anthony Callaghan (October 3) writing as a member of Bedfordshire Education Committee, draws attention to the report of Mr Kenneth Baker's interim advisory committee on teachers' pay. One of the recommendations of this committee was that supply teachers should be paid at a daily rate based on 1/10 of a regular teacher's annual salary.

Despite this, Dorset County Council, along with several other county councils, pay their supply teachers at an hourly rate which reduces their pay by 15 per cent in actual money earned, let alone any effect of inflation.

In addition, honours graduates are not rewarded for their extra qualifications, which adds a further pay cut of 8 per cent in their particular case.

The interim advisory committee also pointed out the dangers of this policy, maintaining that some of the more experienced and better-qualified supply teachers would leave the profession altogether. In Dorset this has already happened. There has been a critical shortage of supply teachers in many schools.

A survey carried out by the Dorset Supply Teachers' Association showed that the average loss of pay of each supply teacher in 1987-88 was £980. One honours graduate faced a loss of £1,500.

Why did Mr Baker not accept the advice of his interim advisory committee? Yours faithfully, DON HURLEY (Secretary, Dorset Supply Teachers' Association), 5 Cerne Close, Bournemouth, Hampshire, October 3.

From Mr J. H. Stanton
Sir, I have taken early retirement from my post as vice-principal in a major college of technology, and being a graduate qualified in mathematics and engineering I offered my services on a part-time basis to teach in schools. As I could teach the shortage subject of mathematics at all levels I was overwhelmed with the response.

However, local authorities have decided that, regardless of qualification or experience, all part-time staff shall be paid on the ninth point of the 11-point basic scale. My 34 years in teaching

Future of Labour

From Mr Richard S. Rowntree

Sir, As the father of two members of the Royal College of Nursing I noted with sadness Martin Fletcher's report in today's *Times* (October 4) that the RCN was the only applicant for seats at the Labour conference to be banned by the National Executive Committee. Yet this absurdity may serve to drive home the now widely accepted view that the Labour Party can now only hope to become an electable alternative government by severing its constitutional links with the trade unions.

The collapse of the Alliance and the new realism of much of the

Working with Owen

From Mrs E. Hanbury Tenson

Sir, Sir Leslie Murphy's letter today (September 30) from the eminence of his position in the original SDP encourages me to cap it from the women's eye view.

From 1981-1983 I spent the greater part of my working week-hours as a totally anonymous pen-pusher at Cowley Street. I never met the "Gang of Four" except to stand aside deferentially when I passed them on the stairs.

However, I must confirm that the staff all preferred David Owen for leader because they knew him to be capable of getting things

Family matters

From Mr Leslie Jernan

Sir, For some years I have been visiting the General Register Office at St Catherine's House, Kingsway, London (and previously at Somerset House, Strand) to undertake research into my family.

The conditions there have become increasingly uncomfortable almost throughout the entire day. The facilities have indeed become inadequate since the study of family history is now, I understand, the biggest growth "hobby" in Britain.

I was astonished recently to arrive at St Catherine's House at the same time as a busload of people from the Midlands, who had come to do similar research.

I believe this part of the General Register Office must be profitable, with a steady queue of people spending money on birth, marriage and death certificate copies.

Is it not high time that the Government duplicated or triplicated the facilities for searches at centres outside London?

The Mormon International Genealogical Index is available in numerous large public libraries. Cannot something now be done about making the General Register Office volumes available in duplicate in a similar manner?

And I am, yours faithfully, LESLIE JERNAN, Rushbrooke, Coppice Row, Theydon Bois, Epping, Essex, October 1.

Letters to the Editor may be sent to a fax number — (01) 782 5046. They should contain a daytime telephone number.

All the nines at point of sale

From Mr John Weston

Sir, One must agree with Dr Harold Hewitt (September 29) about the proliferation of the terminal figure nine in current prices. However, it seems harsh to blame the practice on the Victorian drapers.

My parents, who kept a small drapery shop until they retired in the 1950s, certainly used "nines" in their pricing right up until the beginning of the Second World War. But this was invariably on the lower-priced materials.

In the 1930s, when I was in my teens, I can remember struggling to calculate, with the customer in a hurry to catch a bus, the total cost of 7½ yards of ribbon at 3½d per yard. When I complained to my father about what seemed to me the absurdity of the price, he pointed out that in many cases "nines" was in fact the profit!

More expensive items often ended in 11d, but that again often represented the profit margin.

Incidentally, Dr Hewitt must have quoted an expensive material as I can remember measuring out and calculating with some difficulty 6¼ yards of 36in-wide cotton dress material at "a shilling, three" (1s. 0¾d.) per yard. But we have a photograph of the shop taken in 1912 when prices were so low that my father had on display lace curtaining at 3½d per yard!

Yours faithfully, JOHN WESTON, The Old Vicarage, Brentor, Tavistock, Devon.

From Mr James Hewgill

Sir, I believe that Dr Hewitt has overlooked certain psychological aspects of merchandising and setting "price points", based on human perception. Since we read from left to right, the first number the buyer sees appears to affect overall perception of the price. Subsequent numbers are seen as "smaller", no matter how big they might be in proportion. For example, £9.05 and £9.99 are felt to be of the same order of magnitude.

Discussions which I once held with Marks and Spencer, as one of their suppliers of ladies' fashions, suggested that a rise in price from £9.99 to £10 had the same effect on reducing sales as a rise to £10.99 and that the percentage sales loss resulting from an increase of one "price point" can be accurately measured.

Yours faithfully, JAMES HEWGILL, Chinley End Farm, Lower Lane, Chinley, Derbyshire.

From Mr Alan P. Hughes
Sir, How I applaud Dr Hewitt's letter; it is, as he says, a stupid obsession, at which I get crosser and crosser, especially when, as an accountant, I come to write up my cashbook. The column is littered with nines, making the adding up of the figures an unnecessarily irritating chore.

Yours faithfully, ALAN P. HUGHES, 136 Northey Avenue, Cram, Surrey.

From Mrs Diana Cosbie
Sir, Dr Hewitt has got hold of the wrong end of the stick. Goods are priced at odd amounts so that the customer has to be given change and the money passed through the till and not into a shop assistant's pocket, the departing goods being put down to "wastage".

Yours faithfully, DIANA COSBIE, 8 Crown Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Bailiffs on call

From Mr Harold Weston

Sir, I was not surprised to read of Ms Minty's difficulty (September 28) in obtaining possession of her property.

County court delays are notorious among legal practitioners. It is equally difficult to obtain effective execution of a monetary judgement against the goods of a debtor and for years I have had a distinct impression that when levying execution against a debtor's goods, some county court bailiffs could try a little harder.

The problem is that in the county court a judgement creditor has to use the court bailiff, irrespective of how busy or ineffective a particular bailiff is.

The solution is very simple. As in the High Court, the public should be free to call in the services of any certified bailiff. In short, all that is needed is to privatise the bailiff's office at the county court.

There is no problem as to setting up such an organisation as there are numerous firms of certified bailiffs who could work as in the High Court or in competition with the county court bailiffs.

Yours faithfully, HAROLD WESTON, Westons (Solicitors), Dickenson's Place, Widsade Green, SE25.

Beans talk?

From Mr Frank Sutton

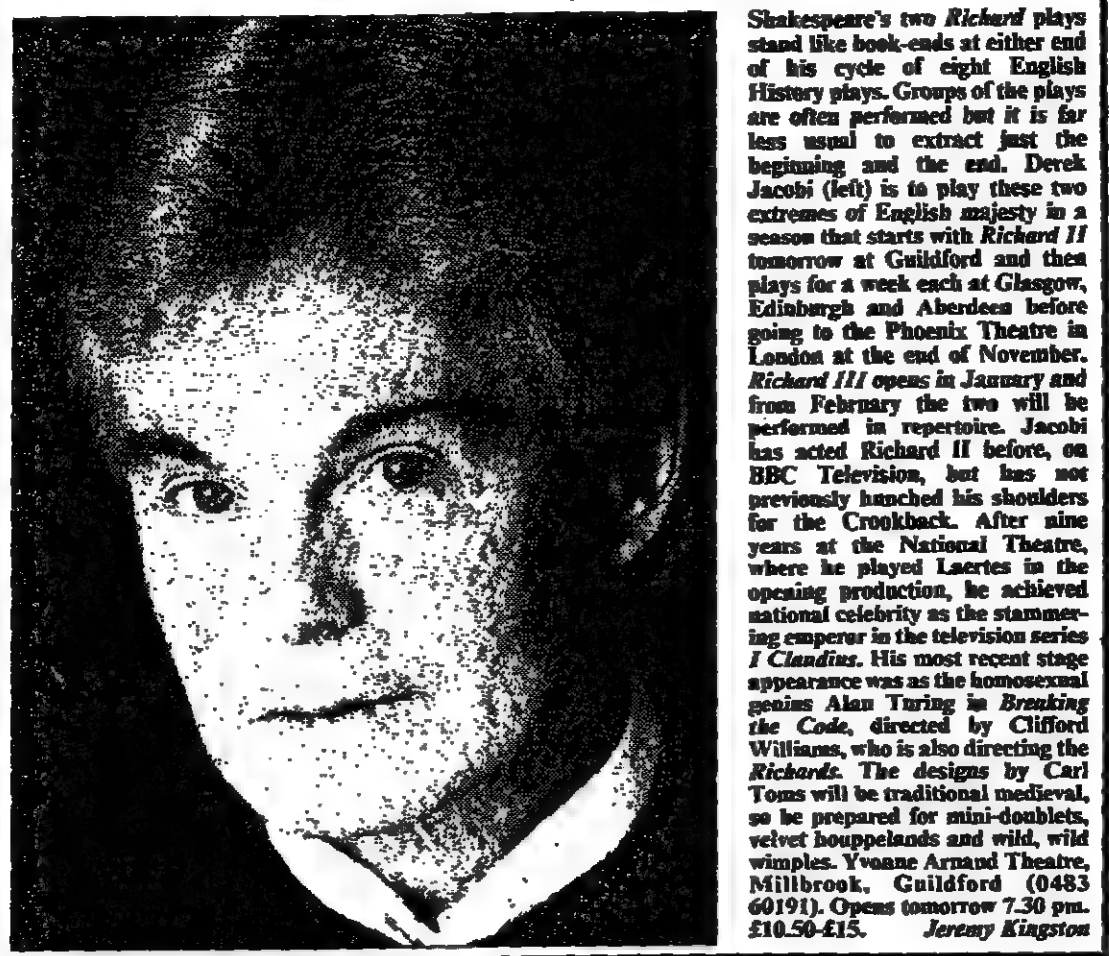
Sir, Praising salad as a meal, Mr Damon Hart-Davis writes (October 7) that it is, *inter alia*, "environmentally aware".

I have read of gardeners talking to plants. Is this the first report of plants communicating with human beings?

Yours faithfully, FRANK SUTTON, Knypersley, 126 Barnet Wood Lane, Ashted, Surrey, October 7.

INFORMATION SERVICE

Jacobi's royal double



Shakespeare's two *Richard* plays stand like book-ends at either end of his cycle of eight English history plays. Groups of the plays are often performed but it is far less usual to extract just the beginning and the end. Derek Jacobi (left) is to play these two extremes of English majesty in a season that starts with *Richard II* tomorrow at Guildford and then plays on for a week each at Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen before going to the Phoenix Theatre in London at the end of November. *Richard III* opens in January and from February the two will be performed in repertoire. Jacobi has acted *Richard II* before, on BBC Television, but has not previously shouldered the shoulders for the Crockford. After nine years at the National Theatre, where he played Laertes in the opening production, he achieved national celebrity as the stammering emperor in the television series *I Claudius*. His most recent stage appearance was as the homosexual genius Alan Turing in *Breaking the Code*, directed by Clifford Williams, who is also directing the *Richard*s. The designs by Carl Toms will be traditional medieval, set for mini-doubles, velvet bouffants and wild, wild wimples. *Young Arnold Theatre*, 1111 Brook, Guildford (0483 60191). Openings tomorrow 7.30 pm, £10.50-£15. *Jeremy Kingston*

This selective guide to entertainment and events throughout Britain appears from Monday to Friday, followed in the Review section on Saturday by a preview of the week ahead. Items should be sent to The Times Information Service, PO Box 7, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN

BOOKING KEY
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THEATRE

LONDON

★ **AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE:** Tom Wilkinson with Conner Booth in Arthur Miller's adaptation of Ibsen's witch-hunt drama. Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE2 (01-828 5885). Tue: Waterside, previews until Wed 7.30pm, press night Oct 13, 7pm, then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £7.50 (D)

★ **THE CONDUCT OF LIFE:** Richard Lintern and Joan Hall in Cuban-born writer's drama: power, sexuality, corruption. Gate Theatre, Prince Albert Public House, 11 Pembroke Road, W11 (01-229 0706). Tue: Notting Hill Gate. Preview today 8-9.15pm, press night Oct 12, 8-9.15pm, then Mon-Sat 8-9.15pm, £4.50 (D)

★ **DIVINE COSMOS:** Sean Baker and OH Lawrence, with Nicholas Farrell and Linus Roache in new Stephen Lowe play, set in Paris with 20s songs. The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-638 8891). Tue: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Preview today 7.30pm, press night Oct 12, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £5.50 (D)

★ **LETITIA AND LOUISE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's new comedy. Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3567). Tue: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£15 (D)

★ **NATIVE AMERICAN:** Manning Redwood in new Constantine Gorgon play exploring the poverty of the American Dream out there on the prairies. Lyric Studio Theatre, King St, W6 (01-741 2311). Tue: Harrods/Midland, Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 4.30pm, £8

★ **THE SNEEZE:** Marvellously funny and varied Chabon/Fraser pieces, eight in all. Rowan Atkinson, Timothy West and Cheryl Campbell. Mon-Sat, 8-9.15pm, mat Sat 4.30pm, £5-£15 (D)

★ **SUGAR BABIES:** Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller star in new musical comedy popular on Broadway. Dirty Rotten and Good. Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-638 8888). Tue: Charing Cross, Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm and mat Thur and Sat 2.30-5.30pm, £5-£22

★ **LONG RUNNERS:** ★ And Then There Were None: Strand Theatre (01-405 0072). ★ The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas: Queen's Theatre (01-734 1186). ★ Cats: New London Theatre (01-405 0072). ★ The Follies: Shaftesbury Theatre (01-378 5899). ★ The 42nd Street Story: Lane Theatre (01-836 8108). ★ The Lionel Lincoln Dancers: Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111). ★ Me and My Girl: Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913)

★ **WORD-WATCHING**
Answers from page 24
EXOTIQUE
(a) Scandalous or unusual, often of men, from the Latin *exotikos*, "other to grow out of one". All the exotiques, dances, preoccupations, and unapologetically ugly begonia she called her "exotique".

SCAPE
(c) The shaft of a column, from the broad Greek *skape* cognate with *skopos* a "spear". From the third part of their scape or lower part upward.

FEAR
(a) The feeling that is the basis of the fear after feeling (anxiety) is part of the chain of silly sports, from the German *fegen* to cleanse or sweep: "When your back back feel, say, she feels her back and not wipe it."

FRONTAL
(c) Candid, direct, open, I think from "up front". American slang for coming in with fashionable British advertising tradition. The *Frontal* Post: "He's a very direct and frontal guy, a very frontal person."

★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). ★ The Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). ★ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-836 2244). ★ Run For Your Wife: Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). ★ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (01-828 8865).

OUT OF TOWN

★ **COVENTRY:** ★ *Amateur*: Sarah Miles in an ex-inmate breaking in again so as to escape to the world outside. Paul Kember play, London-based. Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 583055). Preview today and tomorrow 7.30pm, £3.90. Press night Thurs 8.30pm, £3.90. Fri and Sat 8pm, £4.90-£6.50. Then Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, £3.90-£6.50. Until Oct 25 (D)

★ **YORK:** ★ *On Your Way Riley Alan*: Peter's play with music tells of the home life of Old Mother Riley (Arthur Lacey), heckled by daughter Kitty (Ina Clack, his wife). Theatre Royal, St Leonard's Place (0904 823568). Mon, Tues and Thurs, 7.30pm, Wed 7pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£9.50.

FILMS

★ **Also on national release**
★ **Advance booking possible**

★ **BABETTE'S FEAST (U):** One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immediately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel. With Stéphane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min). Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.40, 5.00, 7.45, 9.45.

★ **BAGDAD CAFE (PG):** German director Romya Aden presents the warm, comic tale of a large middle-class tourist from Bavaria, stranded in the American West. With Marlene Dietrich, Jack Palance, C.C.H. Pounder (91 min). Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.

★ **BEETLEJUICE (R):** Michael Keaton stars the spunky as a ghost in a supernatural comedy. Tim Burton directs (92 min). Cannon Baker Street (01-936 9772). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.

★ **BREATHLESS (R):** Jean-Paul Belmondo and Jean Seberg in the classic French New Wave film (118 min). Gains (01-727 4043). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 8.45.

★ **GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM (R):** Robin Williams in a military comedy about a DJ sent to Vietnam to keep up the morale of the troops. Directed by Barry Levinson (121 min). Cannon Chelsea (01-852 5098). Progs 1.30, 4.10, 6.45, 9.25.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

- 1 One Moment in Time Whitney Houston, Arista
- 2 (I) Don't Wanna Be a Player U2, Island
- 3 (I) Don't Wanna Be a Player Bobby McFerrin, Manhattan
- 4 (I) Don't Wanna Be a Player Womack & Womack, Four
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TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

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★ **Canon Oxford Street (01-836 0810):** Progs 2.00, 5.05, 8.10.
★ **Notting Hill Corral (01-727 0706):** Progs 3.15, 5.45, 8.20.
★ **Odessa Kensington (01-602 6644):** Progs 2.15, 5.15, 8.15.
★ **Odessa Kensington (01-722 5908):** Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10.
★ **Screen on the Green (01-226 3520):** Progs 3.30, 6.10, 8.35.
★ **West End (01-439 0791):** Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30.

★ **MIDNIGHT RUN (R):** Engaging comedy-thriller, with Robert de Niro as a bounty hunter given the job of taking a sensitive half-jumping accountant cross-country. With Charles Grodin; directed by Martin Brest (126 min). Cannon Baker Street (01-936 9772). Progs 2.00, 5.10, 8.05.

★ **Lucia di Lammermoore:** Valeria Maestri in the classic Italian opera. Grand Theatre, Leeds (01653 459551). 7.15-10.15pm, £4-18.75 (D).

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OPERA

★ **THE BARBER OF SEVILLE:** Revival of Jonathan Miller's sometimes overthought production for English National Opera, now with Peter Colman-Wright in the title role and Della Jones repeating her splendid Rosina. Colman-Wright, St Martin's Lane, London SW1 (01-222 1061). 7.30pm, £2-5.75 (D).

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EVENING

★ **SOUNDS OF SHIPPOLE:** The Shippos in Debussy's *Nocturnes*, Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto* (Gil Shaham, soloist) and *Symphony No 3*. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). 7.30-9.30pm, £4.50-£16 (D).

★ **OLD TESTAMENT LADIES:** Charlotte de Rothschild's recital is a celebration of Jewish music. Includes *Andalus* from Carissimi's *Jephtha*, Handel's *Solomon*, Vivaldi's *Juditha*. South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). 7.30-9.30pm, £4.50-£16 (D).

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★ **Triumphs, Handel's *Jephtha*:** Margaret's Eve, Handel's *Servant*, Perry's *Judith*, Handel's *Deborah* and Lennox Berkeley's *Ruth*. St John's, Smith St, London SW1 (01-222 1061). 7.30pm, £2-5.75 (D).

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JAZZ

★ **NUCLEUS:** Nearing its 20th birthday, Ian Carr's band provides a vehicle for the trumpet's Miles-inspired fusion. Southampton Jazz Festival, Solent, Southampton (01-930 0703). 6.15-11.15pm, £2.50, £5.50.

★ **JAZZ WARRIORS:** The loose ensemble work which marked the opening night of the tour may well have been ironed out by now. St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 271228). 7.30pm, tickets from £2.50.

★ **AIRTO/FLORENCE:** The ebullient husband-and-wife team are back for another fortnight. Royal Scottish Club, 47 Fife Street, London W1 (01-439 0747). 8.30pm, £10 (members £2).

★ **JEAN TOUSSAINT:** Regular session from the ex-Messengers' tenor player, with Alec Dankworth (bass), Bryan Spring (drums). Jazz Cafe, 56 Newington Green, London N16 (01-359 4836). 8.30pm, £3.

DANCE

★ **THEME AND VARIATIONS:** Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet's new production of Balanchine's classic to Tchaikovsky music, presented with Les Sylphides and Petruska. Birmingham Hippodrome, Hurst St, Birmingham (021-622 7486). 2-4.30pm and 7.30-10pm. £5.50-£15 (D).

★ **DANCING AND SHOUTING:** New work by Ian Spink for Second Stride, Warwick Arts Centre, (0203 414717).

★ **URBAN ELISH WOMEN:** Group from New York, here for the Dance Umbrella season. Garden Centre, University of Sussex, Brighton (0273 686861). 7.45pm, £3 and £5. Today and tomorrow only.

WALKS

★ **JEWISH Ghetto ALLEYS & OLD COCKNEY QUARTERS:** 11am, £3. Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3.

★ **WINE OF COURT - ENGLAND'S LEGAL HERITAGE:** meet at office, Chancery Lane, 11am, £3.

★ **POLITICAL LONDON - GOVERNMENT & PARLIAMENT:** meet at Embankment tube, 2pm, £3.

ROCK

★ **RUN DMC/PUBLIC ENEMY:** Run DMC have not been on good form lately, but Public Enemy's *R R R R R* is a new LP. In the top 10 package tour of the year. Birmingham, Odeon, Birmingham (021 226 4256). 7.30pm, £7.50.

★ **MARCI GRIFITHS:** See caption. Birmingham, Odeon, Birmingham (021 226 4256). 7.30pm, £7.50.

★ **CLIFF RICHARD:** The baby's granddaddy of English pop on a tour which marks the 30th anniversary of his first hit, "Move It", a chart entry on September 12 1958. Sheffield City Hall, Bakers Pool (0742 730265). 7.30pm, £9.50-£13.50, for four nights.

★ **MARC ALMOND:** One of the wittier and more literate of the middle generation of pop singers. Studio, Frogmore Street, Bristol (0272 276193). 8pm, £5.

OTHER EVENTS

★ **FLOWER SHOW:** Autumn fruit and vegetables plus competitions in carnations and bonais. Royal Horticultural Society, Vincent Square and Greycoat Street, London SW1 (01-834 4888). Today 11am-7pm, tomorrow 10am-5pm, admission today £2.50 tomorrow £1.50.

★ **CHELSEA CRAFTS FAIR:** Two hundred exhibitors will show and sell their work over the next two weeks - from bespoke dolls houses and embroidered portraits to jewelry, pottery, woodwork, knitwear and more. Daily fashion shows. Chelsea Old Town Hall, Kings Road, Chelsea SW3. Today until Oct 23 except Sunday 10-5pm, admission £2.50.

★ **MADEX 88:** National aids for the disabled and elderly education. Free shuttle service from British Rail station, Alexandra Palace, licensed bar and light

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ITV/LONDON

7.23 Help with information for those wanting to rent an allotment

6.30 Prove it. Chris Tarrant meets and interviews a selection of Britons who claim they possess a unique talent. Tarrant puts them to the test

7.00 Strike It Lucky. Quiz game

7.30 Hitting Damp. Vintage comedy starring Richard Rattler as a landlord, the racist, rapacious, lustful landlord of a seedy London dwelling tonight borrowing a suit to go to a party without realising the suit belongs to the very man who is ignorant of the fact that it has been loaned to Rugby (r).

6.00 The Bill. This week two of the Sun Hit police officers are on the corner, testifying in court to the fact that they deal dealers who deal openly, accepting cash or stolen goods for their worse. Meanwhile two other officers have to sort out an altercation between two homosexual customers. (Oracle)

6.30 The Return of Shelley. (see Choice)

6.00 Jack the Ripper. (see Choice)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes **10.30** Thames news and weather

10.35 Jack the Ripper continued

11.30 News at Eleven with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes **11.30** Liverpool Victoria Insurance Super Bowl.

12.30am The Twilight Zone: Song of the Younger World. A tale of the supernatural

1.00 Donsue. American chat show, tonight on the subject of size

2.00 News headlines followed by Film: The Executioner King Herod (1974) starring Bruno S. A supernatural tale of a young boy who is found in a trance clutching a prayer book and claiming that said that the boy be trained as a horseman. Directed by Werner Herzog.

4.00 News headlines followed by Superstars of Wrestling

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 5.00.

CHANNEL 4

- 6.30** **Space on Earth.** Modern architecture (r).
- 7.00** **Comical Conversations** with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen. Weather.
- 8.00** **The Stars.** The search for dead stars and black holes. (Gracie)
- 8.30** **4 What the Worth** includes the owner of a chain of guest-houses explaining why a mentally handicapped couple received or a £1 in cash when they sold their home, and *What the Worth* magazine's tests on butter and margarine.
- 9.00** **What is Truth?** The way science searches for truths about the universe. (Gracie)
- 10.00** **Blackcomedy.** Black comedy series about the patients and staff of a run-down Boston hospital.
- 11.00** **The New Statesman.** Comedy series starring Bill Maynard as an unscrupulous politician (r).
- 11.30** **American Football** (r).
- 12.30am** **Baseball.** Highlights of the first week of the Baseball Playoffs.
- 1.30** **Highlights of the 1986 World Cup** related to Jamaica's sports and political realities (r). Ends at 2.30.

Whodunnit? Lewis Collins as Detective Sergeant George Godley and Michael Caine as Detective Inspector Abberline investigating the Ripper's East End murders (ITV, 9.00pm)

TELEVISION CHOICE

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Inspector Frederick
Abberline, played nonchalantly by Michael Caine, comes off the bottle to take the case. He has a tough job on his hands. The Victorian equivalent of the gutter press is hounding the police for incompetence and there is pressure, too, from the Prime Minister, who is anxious to quell rumors about the East End visits of the Queen's grandson. And there is hardly a worthy while clue. The show thankfully reduces the murders to off-screen screams but might have done better to give it the East End more squalor and menace. Even the prostitute look almost respectable. The narrative is enlivened by a psychic medium, a ham actor and a raft of familiar faces supporting Caine. But four

by David Stratton
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They prepare to welcome the return of Shelley (ITV, 8.30pm). It is not always good policy to revive old sitcoms, but there are distinguished precedents, notably *The Likely Lads*, and the new *Shelley* gets off to a promising start. Fans of Hywel Bennett's genial slob will recall that last time he was a university dropout on living on social security, until finally trapped by poverty and marriage. Now, the 30-year-old, still handsome, is a travel agent having failed to make his spell abroad learning English to foreigners, he returns to an alien Britain of money-mania, yuppies with their cordless phones and talk of everything being off, brick and ice. Can the faded Sixties hippy survive this Thatcherite nightmare? The opening episode, at least, suggests that our anti-hero has lost little of his cunning and insolent wit.

Peter Waymark

An epitaph for anarchism

RADIO CHOICE

● "Dada lives!", a painter cries in ecstasy as he puts his foot through one of his own canvases in the Grand Salon d'Art Moderne in Paris. The artist is Marcel Duchamp, and the occasion is the Dada and Co (Radio 7:30pm). It is as useful a encapsulation of the extraordinary artistic movement anything else in this drama about the nihilists' short lifespan. The next best thing might have been for someone to quote the Dadaist credo: "Everything the artist says is true." In fact, there is something bearing at one point the play, preparing us for the spitting image. But, in the event, the famous quote is never used. Instead, Lis puts some wholly credited slogans and sentiments in the mouths of his Dadaist pioneers, including Ball, Aza Pazar and Emma Henningsen. "Dynamic the dynamic is . . . Throw literature to . . . " "Defaism is



**Julie Covington in Lister's
Dads and Co (R3, 7.30pm)**

that the story unfolds. A good play could have been written about the Dadaists even if they had been presented as a bunch of crackerpot artists and anarchists. Trister takes a largely sympathetic view of them, and the result is a very good play. And not only is he eschewed caricature, but he has done something I should not have thought achievable: he has made something more poignant out of the Dadaist epiphany in which Arp, Ball (Charles Murphy, eloquently passionate) and Elsie Hennings (Julia Covington, a shamefully under-used actress) are united for a reconciliation between the dead movement and one of its dying disciples. *Dada and Co* has some important complementary material by Stephen Warbeck, and in the direction of a play that could easily have degenerated into lunacy is in the safe hands of a veteran of radio drama, J. Morgan.

Peter Davalle

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WVF Stereo & WVF (medium wave)
News on the half-hour from 6:30pm until 6:30pm, then at 10:30 and 12:30pm.
6:30 Adrian John 7:00 Simon Mayo 7:30 Mark Goodier 12:30 Newsbeat with Ian Parkinson
12:45 Gary Davis 3:00 Steve Wright 3:30 Newsbeat with Ian Parkinson 5:45 Bruno Elias 6:00 Dr Karlene LSG John Peel 10:30 Nicky Campbell 12:30

6:35 Open University. Social Sciences: Grapevine
6:55 Weather followed by headlines
7:00 Morning Concert: Mellow Concert Rondo in A (English Chamber Orchestra with Murray Perahia)
Sentinel: Valises noblesse (Sinfonia Orchestra of the Netherlands Symphony Orchestra with Charles Dutoit); Haydn (Symphony No 94 in

2,000 Richard Skinner.

WVF Stereo and MW (medium wave)
News on the Hour
4:00pm Stereo Madden 5.30
4:00pm Stereo 4:30 Dorak Jamerson
5:30 Ken Bruce 11:00 Jimmy
Young 1:00pm David Jacobs 2:00
4:00pm Heather 3:30 Adrian
Love 5:00pm John Dunn 7:00 Radio
Catholics Show 5:00pm The
4:00pm Heather 10:00 The
Grumbleweeds 10:30 Oldie
British Hits 1:00pm Round Midnight
4:00pm British 3:30 4:00 A
Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

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Radio 3

2.08 Claudio Arrau: In the season on three programmes, the Chilean pianist, who is this year, plays Liszt's Piano Concerto No 1 in flat (London Symphony Orchestra under Colin Davis); Debussy: Estampes; Chopin: Piano Concerto 1 in E minor Op 11 (West German Radio Symphony Orchestra under Otto Klemperer); Schubert: Sonata in C minor (D 9

4.05 BBC Singers: Simon Jenkins conducts the BBC Singers in a performance of the

in a series of
choral ballads by Cole
Taylor with David Owen
Norms at the piano: Be
the Ungethtered Ride
Lay; She Dwells by Gr
Kenhaws's Side; Loud
Sang the Psalm of Dav
The Quardron Girl; In
Fans of the Dismal Sw
6.00
Mainly for Pleasure:
Presented by Jeremy
Siepmann
6.30 Songs of the Humpback
Dragon: First of three
programmes presented
John Thornley introduc

Papua New Guinea: N
Ireland — bird dances.

7.00 News News
7.05 Third Ear: Writers Talk Asa Briggs talks to the historian Alistair Horne, author of the official biography of the late Stockton: *Macmillan*, 1990

7.30 David and Goli: by David Lister with Gerard Manley Hopkins (see Choice)

8.55 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: Tadeusz N. Colas Breghon; Nicholas Maw Works: Kontos Wind Rose (BBC SSO) under Antoni Wit with Amel Gunson, mezzo

10.05 Music from India: The nine programs introduced by Roger Moore, M. S. Subbulakshmi, a variety of South Indian reggae with her daughter Radha Viswanathan and an ensemble of professional players

11.00 Composers of the West Saint-Saens: Piano F. Violin Concerto No. 1

12.05 News 12.05 **World 88: Olaf Bär (b. 1942)** and Geoffrey Parsons (piano) perform An Celticists

12.10 Close

Rate

LW (long wave) (a) stereo on VHF.
5.55 Shipping Forecast.
6.00 News Briefing; Weather
6.10 Farming Today **6.25**
 Prayer for the Day (s).
6.30 Today, including news at
6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30. Weather at **6.55** and
7.55. **8.35** Yesterday in
 Parliament.
8.55 Old Possum's Book of
 Practical Cats: Charles Gray
 reads Eustopher Jones: The
 Cat (a). (a)

8:00 News
8:05 Call Nick Rowe

- 10.00** News: Seven Ages or Health: Georgeanna Ferry looks to the future in the last of her series on health promotion schemes
- 10.30** Morning Story: Cat Woman by Mike Dorrell. Read by Laurence Allan
- 10.45** Daily Service (s)
- 11.00** News: Travel: Citizens: The importance of Footing Emes
- 11.25** From Our Own Correspondent
- 11.50** Being Human: The One per Cent Advantage: John Gribbin asks how closely man and chimp are related

12.00 ⁽⁷⁾ News; You And Yours, with John Howard

12.25 *John's* Quota. Unquote: Niger
Reels with guests Humphreys
Lytellton, Martin Jarvis,
Gemma O'Connor and Dr
Saul Buzacki (s) (r)

12.35 *Weather*

1.00 *The World At One:*
Presented by James
McLaughlin at the
Cooperative Policy
Conference in Brighton

1.40 *The Archers* (r)

1.45 *Shipping Forecast*

2.00 *Woman's Hour:* Presented
by Jenni Murray. Includes
features on Gilbert and
Sullivan, and the emphasis
they placed on women; also
an interview with Tessa
Soultby about the Geneva
Arms talks and the subject
of marriage is looked at by
Laure Grahame and Erna
Babich

3.00 *Twenty Follies:* Squinting
in a Gold Mine: Play by
Steve May with Robert
Glenister and Mollie Leslie

3.35 *Comparing Notes:* Riches
and rags in conversation with
flautists William Bennett
and Philippa Davies about life
at the top of the musical scale

4.00 *News*

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 105
Radio 2: 69.6kHz/43.9m/90.6kHz
247m; VHF 90.52/2.5 Radio 4:
261m/97.8/3.5 Radio 5: 15.68
145.8kHz/206m/VHF 94.5; World

100

4.08 The Local Network: Bad Vibrations — a Noise Annoys: Reporters Neil Walker and David Clayton link up with BBC Local Radio stations to investigate noise pollution

4.30 Nature's scope

5.00-5.50 PM

5.50 Shipping Forecast

5.55 Weather.

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.

6.30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again

7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.30 Fife on 4: In a new series.

0.00 The Christian Centuries: Brian Redhead continues his exploration of how the message of Christianity was spread down the ages from the time of Constantine to the Renaissance

0.30 Survival of the Darkest: Alun Lewis joins a survival course on Dartmoor

0.15 In Touch: A special edition recorded at the Radio Show. Including the 1988

David Scott Brooklyn Award
for outstanding services to
the visually handicapped

10.00 Kaleidoscope: Natalie
When talks to pianist
Graham Johnson about his
project to record all
Schubert's songs. The first
record (Hyperion records)
has just been released, with
Janet Baker as Gretchen,
the names of Goethe and
Schiller. Dame Janet Baker
and Edward Price will also
be in the studio

10.15 A Book At Bedtime: White
Boy Running, by
Christopher Hope

10.29 Weather

10.30 The World Tonight

11.15 The International World Tonight

11.30 Today in Parliament

11.48 Time to Talk: Harry Soren
reflects on 40 years as an
economist broadcaster

12.00 News and weather

12.33 Shipping Forecast

VHF as above except **11.00am-
12.00pm** For Schools: **11.00 Time
and Tune** (s) **11.20 Time to Move**
(s) **11.40 Time to Move Your Mind** (s)
1.35-3.00pm For Schools:
Listening Corner (s) **2.00 History:
Lost and Found** (s) **2.25**
Mainstream GCSE **11.00-5.55**
PM (weekend) **12.25-1.10pm**
Schools Night-time (s) History:
GCSE Assignments.

7x/285m: 1069k/z/275m: VHF-89-90.2.
FM-VHF-88.5-90.2. 1215k/z/275m:
VHF-89.5-90.2. BBC Radio 1512k/z/275m:
VHF-89.5-90.2. BBC Radio London:
FM-94.8k/z/463m.

one) FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; VHF-88-90.2.
Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; VHF-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/
247m; VHF-90-92.5. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m; VHF-92-95. LBC: 1152kHz/
261m; VHF 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; VHF95.8. BBC Radio London:
1468kHz/206m; VHF 94.5; World Service: MF848kHz/463m.

'Energy of stars' a step closer

By Robert Matthews
Technology Correspondent

Scientists working on the European nuclear fusion project near Oxford yesterday announced that they had come closer than ever before to taming the energy source of the stars.

Dr Paul Rebut, director of the Joint European Torus (JET) project, said results to be presented at an international scientific conference next week would show that the project's machine had been operated at conditions closer to those needed to ignite nuclear fusion reactions than power the sun and the stars than any other experiment.

For decades scientists in Europe, America, Russia and Japan have investigated ways of triggering nuclear fusion reactions which promise to provide a source of virtually limitless power from fuel derived from sea-water.

Jet was set up 10 years ago as a European collaboration to investigate the possibility of generating such reactions in a man-made magnetic "bottle" which grips the 100 million C mixture of particles or "plasma" at the heart of the process.

To achieve ignition, scientists have to find a way of holding this plasma at a high enough density and temperature for long enough to keep the reactions going without outside help.

The Jet machine at Culham, Oxfordshire, is now closer than any other machine to achieving the right conditions to achieve such ignition.

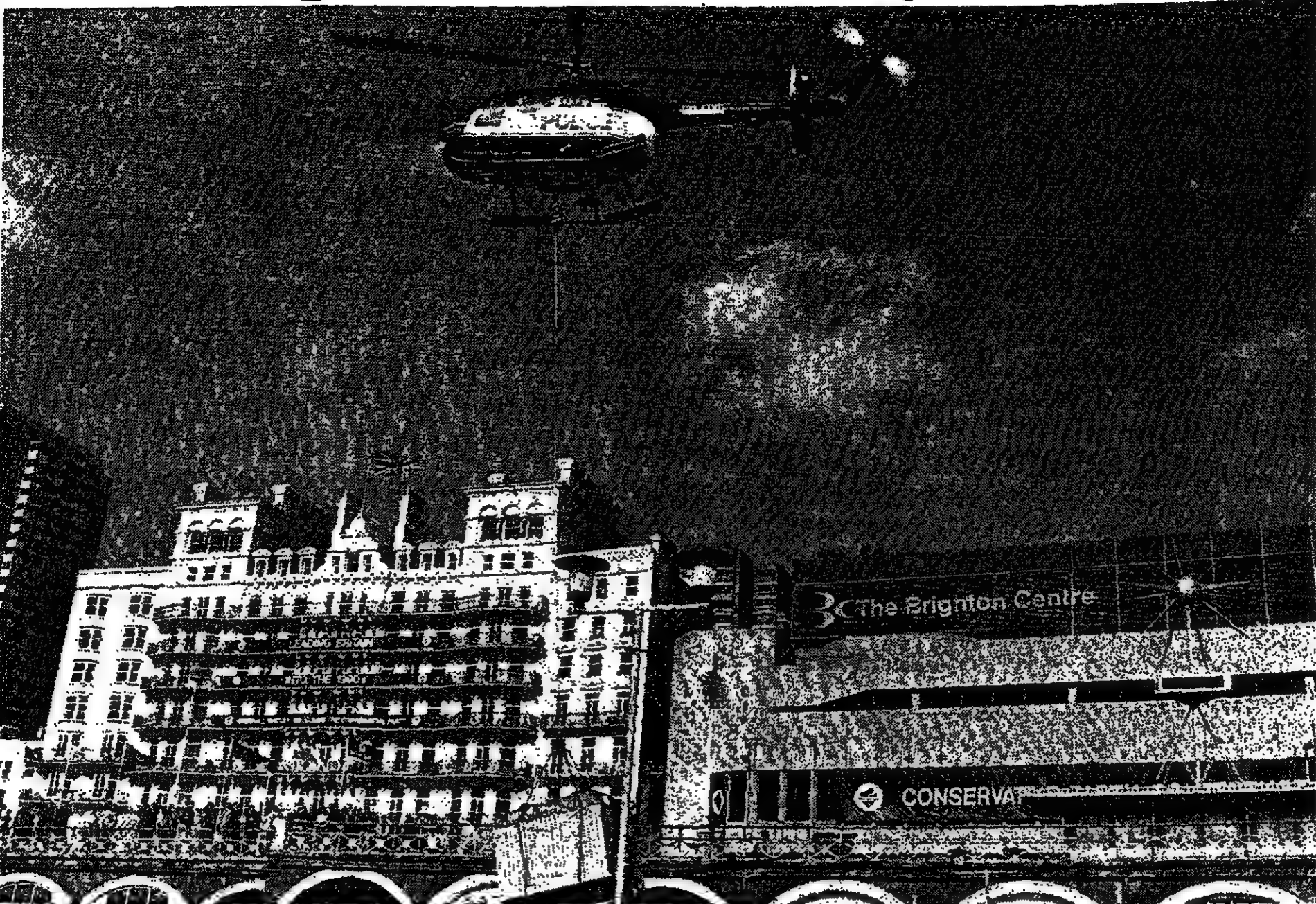
In one experiment the machine was operated at a temperature of 200 million C and was able to hold onto the energy pumped into it for about a third of a second. Other experiments have shown that the machine is capable of achieving all the conditions needed for fusion reactions to take place.

Scientists on the project are becoming increasingly confident the machine will be able to beat the rest of the world in the race to achieve "break even", in which the amount of energy pumped into the machine equals the amount produced by the reactions inside. This is an important step towards ignition and should be achieved within the next five years.

Despite the jubilation, a cloud hangs over British involvement in fusion research. A Cabinet science review committee investigating Britain's contribution is expected to give some indication of its conclusions by the end of the year.

It seems certain the committee will support Britain's continued funding of the project until it ends in 1993. But British scientists, who make up half the team on the project, and the adjacent UK Atomic Energy Research Council at Culham, fear that British fusion research may effectively end after Jet.

Seafront patrols for the Tory conference



A helicopter lifting a police shelter on to the roof of the Brighton Centre yesterday in preparation for the Conservative conference (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

By Stewart Tindler
Crime Reporter

A unit of the Special Boat Squadron, the marine version of the SAS, yesterday began patrolling the shorelines off Brighton in a light-weight 56mph speedboat as the security operation to protect the Conservative Party Conference moved into top gear.

The SBS is drawn from the most expert members of the Royal Marine commandos and their operations normally include fast seaborne raids and the security of the oil platforms in the North Sea. The unit arrived in

Brighton over the weekend to reconnoitre and yesterday began patrols off the beach directly in front of the conference site with a policeman on board their craft.

The role of the unit is to provide a fast response to any attack launched from the sea or further down the coast which evades other security checks, including two police helicopters circling the town throughout the day. The SBS men are adept at boarding raids, marine warfare and underwater work.

Yesterday they worked in liaison with HMS Nulton, a Royal Navy minesweeper, which took up station

yesterday about half a mile from the beach directly in front of the Grand Hotel where the IRA mounted its attack in 1984.

Throughout the day the minesweeper rode at anchor, its radar sweeping the sea approaches.

Above the ship one of the police helicopters ferried officers trained to search for explosives and arms on and off Brighton's derelict second pier during the day. The second helicopter equipped with infra red night sight equipment is expected to patrol at night.

Outside the Grand Hotel itself, where Mrs Margaret Thatcher and

a number of senior Ministers will stay during the conference, a ring of discreetly armed police officers took up station hours before she was due to arrive.

The officers, part of the Sussex force's firearms unit, worked in pairs, carrying their guns under their coats. Their weapons included Heckler and Koch MP5 carbines — hanging on leashes from their shoulders — and hand guns.

Other armed officers in plain clothes mingled with guests inside the hotel or stood guard among crowds along the seafront. Sussex police have also posted unarmed

uniformed and plainclothes officers in lobby and corridors of the hotel throughout the conference.

Above them yesterday on the conference centre a suit of police sharpshooters in distinctive blue berets or baseball caps scanned the surrounding roads and streets with high-powered binoculars.

Anyone arousing suspicion was stopped and asked for identification by officers below.

The hotel, the conference centre and an entertainment complex used for fringe meetings will be surrounded by a low wall of concrete blocks throughout the conference.

Czechoslovak prime minister resigns

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Prague said Mr Strougal's resignation reflected the leadership's fears that the reform process could run out of control and bring a rerun of the 1968 "Prague Spring".

Observers believe that the shake-up may be a rearguard action by hardliners in the Government dissatisfied with Mr Strougal's open flirtation with perestroika.

Mr Strougal, aged 63, who had headed the Federal Government for more than 18 years, was not a radical reformer, but may nevertheless have grown impatient with the rate of progress.

The announcement of his resignation was made by Mr Milos Jakes, the Communist

Party General Secretary, in a speech at a plenary session of the Central Committee. He also announced changes in the Politburo, the party secretariat, the Central Committee itself and the Federal, Czech and Slovak governments.

Mr Jakes was reported as saying that the proposed changes, "proceed from the need for a new deployment of leading cadres in the interest of mastering the demanding tasks of economic and social restructuring".

Although there has been some speculation that the resignation of the Czech and Slovak prime ministers may have been fuelled by some corruption scandal which is about to become public, it

remains unlikely that such an experienced and revered figure as Mr Strougal would have been so foolish as to involve himself in a scandal.

For many years, while President Husak kept the country frozen in a pre-glasnost inertia, the only sign of reform came from Mr Strougal.

After President Gorbachev's visit, it seemed likely that he would become President Husak's successor. The fact that he did not, did not rule out that his career would end with him becoming Czechoslovakia's leader, because Mr Jakes seems so to loathe to embrace reform that many are beginning to see him only as a stop-gap leader.

In the past year, since Mr Jakes took over the reins of government, there has been no weakening of the old guard in Prague, despite a certain amount of lip service to glasnost and perestroika.

It may well be that these forces have succeeded in discrediting one of the more open-minded of their opponents and have forced Mr Strougal to resign. By Czechoslovak standards, he could have been expected, at his age, to exert influence for at least another decade.

Whatever hopes the removal of Dr Husak as party secretary had given rise to, it has become clear that Czechoslovakia is the slowest to embrace glasnost.

Outspoken nuns want Pope to ban Disney

From Charles Bremner, New York

A defiant Sister John, who has broken her vow of silence in order to speak on behalf of herself and four other members of the Carmelite order, yesterday vowed to fight on until Walt Disney is banished from their Monastery of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel.

That is not the plot from a silly sitcom. Amid the frenzy of the greater New York coronation, five Carmelite nuns have been protesting against their priors.

They have locked themselves in the infirmary and appealed for mediation to the

Pope and Mother Teresa.

Until the arrival of Mother Teresa Hewitt last year, the Monastery shunned the outside for a life of solitude, silence and contemplation.

This ended when the priors decided to install a television set, a video-recorder with Walt Disney and other tapes, and a stereo system.

"Not one aspect of our life has been left intact," said Sister John, aged 28.

Sister John, devoted to the order's 16th century founder, St Teresa of Avila, said the nuns were confident that the Pope would intercede.

Satellite television guarantees advert rate

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choice of information and entertainment."

Speaking later about programme content on the four satellite channels, he said: "You can have both quality and popularity — and that is what we are going to aim for."

Sky Television's advertising proposals were welcomed last night by the industry, which has been campaigning against the high costs charged by independent television companies.

Mr Ken Miles, director of the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers, said: "Sky will receive a lot of attention and interest from advertisers and agencies."

"Provided they get some reasonable targeting, I think a lot of agencies and advertisers will experiment with the channels."

Mr Mike Whittington, director of sales at Sky Television, said the launch of the four channels next year would mean programming output available to British viewers would double from that currently provided by terrestrial stations, and advertising airtime would treble.

Sky Movies and Sky Television News will be beamed into the UK and Ireland while Sky Channel, offering general entertainment programmes, and Eurosport will also be available in Europe.

Mr Whittington expects 2.5 million homes in the UK and Ireland to be receiving Sky Television by the end of 1989 — more than that achieved in 10 of the existing independent television regions. By January 1992, the audience could grow to six million homes, or 25 per cent of the market.

Sky Channel is currently available on cable in 13 million European homes. By 1992, the total audience for the available channels is likely to be 24 million. About £20 million will be spent advertising and promoting Sky Television in Britain and Ireland.

Sky would offer "unbeatable value for money" to advertisers because it believed advertisers had been "badly served by the monopolistic IBA stations", the company said.

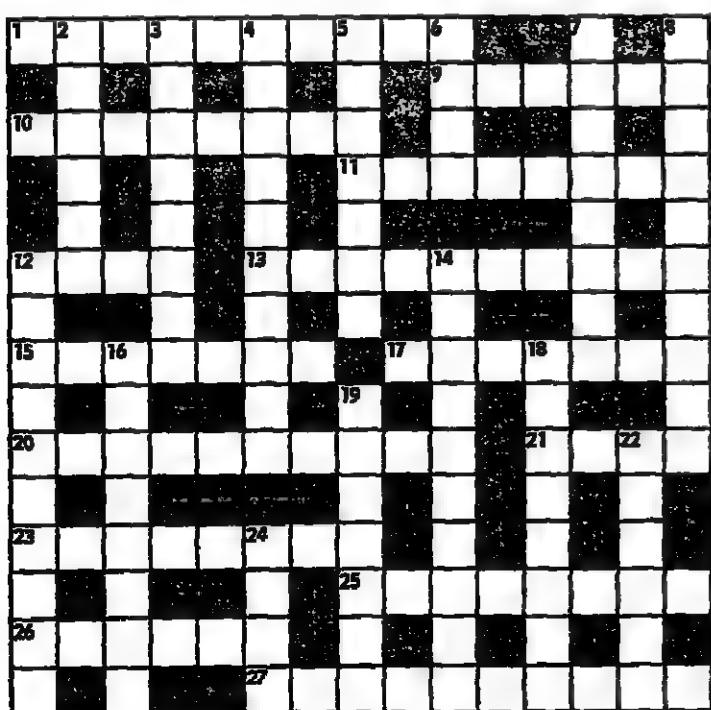
"Sky Television will guarantee to undercut ITV costs per thousand viewers by at least 25 per cent across all target groups."

"If in any quarter an advertiser can demonstrate we have not delivered at least a 25 per cent cost-advantage over ITV, we will run free airtime in the next quarter until the target cost per thousand is met — and that is a guarantee."

The decision to charge viewers for programmes on at least one channel from July will mean programmes will have to be "scrambled" and viewers will need a special decoder, costing about £50, to receive pictures.

Mr Jim Styles, managing director of Sky Television, said the company was still deciding whether to charge viewers for the decoder, to give it away free, or charge a rental fee from July.

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- ACROSS**
- No such coups can be pulled off by deception (5-5).
 - The language when he took to drink! (6).
 - German song verse, first to be covered by interdict (8).
 - Platter found in deep furrow by king (8).
 - Periodic outlay causing a breach (4).
 - Champion tutor's general education (10).
 - Vehicle carrying male theologian to a Somerset village (7).
 - Rancour upset one building a ship (7).
 - Revolution moves at a steady pace — my king is overthrown (10).
 - Except in Kent the Bible is in evidence (4).
 - Originally the richest market for fish (8).
 - Turn away a boy returning before tea break (8).
 - They produce oil and dwell among leaders of OPEC states (6).
 - Secs, for example, Swedish singer in state capital (10).

- DOWN**
- Round fireplace of a reddish yellow colour (6).
 - Unmitigated disaster, with a bad tune! (8).
 - Flat place to deposit about a pound (5-5).
 - Business acquaintance is right, abandoning deal (7).
 - Eg Oxford woman accepting ring (4).
 - One member of the nobility, or a noted trio? (8).
 - A couple of endearing inferior members, perhaps (5-5).
 - Turned out in a trice to rehearsal (10).
 - Philologist, a married woman, is taken in by a relative (10).
 - Oriental comedian keeps acting — it's profitable (8).
 - One with a radio set scrambled on board ship (8).
 - Dash smartly up to "Dog and Duck" (7).
 - A couple of fellows making a sacrifice (6).
 - Speech defect — sound initially trapped in check (4).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

- EXOLITE**
- Out-of-date
 - To destroy utterly
 - Oiled or saturated
- SCAPE**
- Trouble, a pickle
 - To shave or scrape
 - The shaft of a column
- FEAK**
- To wipe the back
 - To forage for fodder
 - A stroke of clem in Shearhead
- FRONTAL**
- The apron of a chameleon
 - The gonyptery of a Deric clematis
 - Candid, open, direct
- Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,796

COMEROUND CHIMP
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WEATHER

Low in south-west approaches expected to track north-east across southern England. Rain and strong southerly winds affecting southern and south-western areas at first will gradually extend north-eastwards to affect remaining areas of the UK. Outlook: Brighter showery conditions over south-western parts gradually extending north-east.

ABROAD

Location	Temp	Wind	Cloud	Notes
Algeria	25/17	S	100	
Amman	27/17	S	100	
Amsterdam	13/15	SE	100	
Antwerp	13/15	SE	100	
Athens	23/14	S	100	
Bombay	29/24	SE	100	
Buenos Aires	25/17	S	100	
Calcutta	29/24	SE	100	
Cairo	29/24	SE	100	
Cardiff	13/15	SE	100	
Chennai	29/24	SE	100	
Copenhagen	13/15	SE	100	
Dublin	13/15	SE	100	
Edinburgh	13/15	SE	100	
Geneva	13/15	SE	100	
Helsinki	13/15	SE	100	
Jerusalem	25/17	S	100	
London	13/15	SE	100	
Lyons	13/15	SE	100	
Madrid	25/17	S	100	
Moscow	13/15	SE	100	
Nairobi	29/24	SE	100	
Paris	13/15	SE	100	
Rangoon	29/24	SE	100	
Rome	23/14	S	100	
Singapore	29/24	SE	100	
Stockholm	13/15	SE	100	
Taipei	29/24	SE	100	
Tel Aviv	25/17	S	100	
Tokyo	25/17	S	100	
Warsaw	13/15	SE	100	
Wellington	13/15	SE	100	
Zurich	13/15	SE	100	

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sea	Wind	Cloud	Notes	
Southport	8.5	SE	10	sunny cloudy	
Widnesport	3.8	-	14	57 shower	
London	0.8	-	15	55 shower	
Liverpool	0.8	-	15	55 shower	
Chelton	0.1	7	13	55 rain	
Southend	0.2	-	15	55 rain	
Widnesport	-	1.03	19	59 rain	
Hastings	-	1.02	15	59 rain	
Widnesport	-	1.02	15	59 rain	
Widnesport	-	1.01	19	59 rain	
Widnesport	0.2	1.52	14	57 rain	
Widnesport	1.2	1.52	19	59 rain	
Southport	0.8	1.82	15	59 cloudy	
Southport	1.3	1.84	15	59 rain	
Widnesport	1.7	1.4	19	59 rain	
Southport	1.4	1.0	1.09	15	59 shower
Southport	2.4	3.9	19	59 bright	
Southport	4.0	1.9	19	59 bright	
Southport	-	1.16	15	59 bright	
Southport	5.2	1.26	15	59 bright	
Southport	5.2	1.26	15	59 bright	
Newquay	3.9	1.23	15	59 bright	
Widnesport	4.7	1.58	15	59 shower	
Widnesport	4.7	1.58	15	59 shower	
Widnesport	5.1	-	17	52 bright	
Dunbar	5.7	-	11	62 bright	
Southport	7.5	1.92	19	54 bright	
Leeds	4.7	-	13	55 sunny	
Widnesport	2.2	0.7	14	57 rain	
Widnesport	2.2	0.7	14	57 rain	
Aberdeen	0.1	4.0	19	59 rain	
Southport	0.1	3.0	8	46 shower	
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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

ISA tops profit hopes with £1.05m interims

ISA International, which distributes peripherals for computers, has beaten expectations with interim pre-tax profits of £7 per cent higher at £1.05 million. A half-way dividend of 0.45p is to be paid. The shares jumped 8p to 135p on the news.

ISA, which supplies discs, magnetic tapes, ribbons and tel-ex and fax products, is adding about 200 new accounts a month in Britain, said Mr John Parkinson, the chairman. The increased profits reflected steady productivity increases, achieved on turnover up 40 per cent to £11.53 million, he added. Mr Simon King, an analyst at Lawrence Prust & Co, the broker, is looking for pre-tax profits of £2.3 million in the current year.

Allied in £7m InishTech property buy suspended

Allied London Properties, the property investment company, is buying a 180,000 sq ft industrial estate in Milton Keynes for £7.3 million. The estate comprises 21 units let to companies including Rothmans International, as well as subsidiaries of GEC and Unigate. The expected rental income will be £620,000 after a recent rent review.

Shares in InishTech Capital Fund were suspended on the Dublin stock exchange yesterday as the fund reported an approach from an unnamed party. The approach "may lead to a proposal involving a major change in the company's activities and an increase in its share capital," a statement said. A further announcement is expected in about a fortnight.

Hoya Lens to expand

A Japanese spectacle lens maker is expanding in North Wales in an attempt to increase its share of the European market, and expects to create another 130 jobs by 1991 at Wrexham. Hoya Lens UK has been manufacturing plastic lenses in North Wales since 1980, and now employs 72 people.

The news comes less than a week after another Japanese company, Star Micros, announced a 250-job expansion in Wales, at Tredegar, Sonoco, an American company which makes polythene carrier bags for supermarkets, is to open a £14.5 million factory within a year at Telford, Shropshire, which is expected to create up to 200 jobs. It will be the company's first European plant. Sonoco had also considered France and Spain as possible locations.

CALA has all Joint venture of Merebrook for Brierley

CALA, the Scottish house-builder and property developer, has acquired the outstanding 25 per cent stake held by the founders of Merebrook Properties. The first 75 per cent was bought last year. CALA is paying £750,000 for the company, two-thirds in cash and the balance in new shares. The acquisition will give CALA a higher profile in the sector.

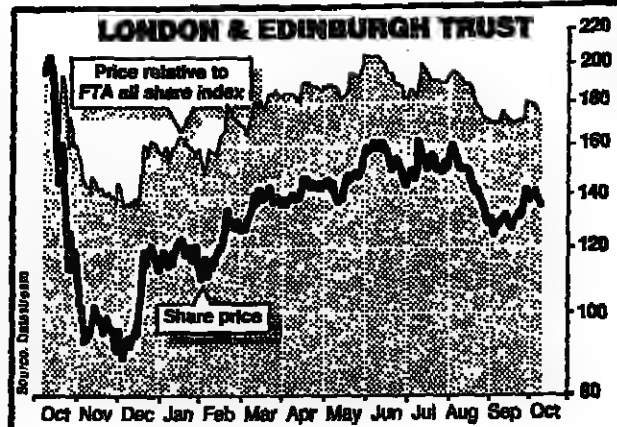
Brierley Investments Ltd and Carter Holt Harvey Ltd are jointly to acquire UEB Packaging Ltd for an undisclosed cash sum from New Zealand Equities. A new joint venture between the companies will incorporate the activities of Primpac, an existing partnership between Carter and Brierley. The key is subject to Commerce Commission approval.

Densitron profits leap

Improving trading margins helped boost profits before tax at Densitron International, the electronic component manufacturer, from £401,000 to £865,000 in the half year to the end of June. Sales rose from £9.49 million to £11.85 million. The interim dividend is increased to 0.7p from 0.55p for the corresponding period of last year.

The company gave a warning that growth would slow in the second half of the year, although this would merely reflect sales volume, with margins expected to continue to improve. Last year's figures from Densitron, which has extensive Japanese and US business, were hit by the rise in the value of the yen. Mr Richard Dyett, an analyst at Chase Manhattan Securities, the broker, is expecting pre-tax profits to approach £2 million for the full year.

Prudent moves pay off for LET



London & Edinburgh Trust, the growing property vehicle of the Beckwith brothers, has long planned to diversify. This strategy has sometimes confused the market, uncertain how to value the company, but it looks prudent in view of the rise in interest rates over the past few months.

Its moves into other ventures have been accompanied also by a sharp improvement in the quality of earnings, with the property investments now generating solid rental income.

For the six months to the end of June, the company has boosted net rental income by more than 200 per cent to £7.4 million, underpinning development trading which helped to raise pre-tax profits for the period to £22.2 million, an increase of 43 per cent, just over analysts' estimates.

Now London & Edinburgh is adopting a more generous approach to dividends, raising the payout by 100 per cent to 1.5p a share and indicating a similar policy will be taken at the year end. Earnings per share show an improvement of 35 per cent to 8.8p.

While the mainstream property activities were buoyant, the up-and-coming divisions, leisure, and servicing, made encouraging progress.

The early emphasis on offices has been shifted to shops

Travis & Arnold

Sandell Perkins' eight-for-five share swap with Travis & Arnold, valuing the latter's shares at 421p, had a head start with acceptance from Travis's directors for 38 per cent of the equity.

This makes it harder for the fellow builders' merchant, Meyer International, to make much headway with its bid which has a face value of 600p a share. Meyer has 29 per cent of Travis.

But Travis claims the crucial difference between Sandell's approach and Meyer's is that the former is a merger and the latter a bid. Thus, in the interest of a Travis Perkins business, there is little prospect in Sandell's offer.

Investors are invited to

participate in the enhanced prospects of the enlarged business. Indeed, an attractive Travis Perkins could - in time - be a bid target itself.

The Travis directors calculate that the Sandell offer is worth up to 5 per cent more than Meyer's, taking into account its capital gains tax liabilities. Less well-connected shareholders may not find themselves as exposed, leaving the Meyer offer ahead.

Sandell may just win the day, because several institutions known to back the present management's judgement are yet to decide, otherwise a stalemate may ensue.

Whatever the position, Meyer is unlikely to give up easily and may sit on its 29 per cent holding in Travis, or a diluted holding in the enlarged group.

Williams

The message to shareholders from Williams Holdings in recent months has been loud and clear: acquisitions will continue, but not at the expense of earnings and not by running up large debts. So, at first sight, the Pilgrim House deal appears a total about-face. Debt will be raised to finance a partial cash alternative and the bulk of the deal is being supported by the issue of Williams' cumulative convertible redeemable preference shares.

But a promise of "no dilution" does not mean Williams cannot issue new capital, and analysts are prepared to give Williams' management team the benefit of the doubt. They remain convinced that new management will make the

Pilgrim's assets sweat before earnings dilution has a chance to rear its ugly head - a task which the present Pilgrim seems unable to perform.

With just a couple of months of Williams' current year left to run, Pilgrim will make little difference to the final outcome, but next year will be a different story. Analysts have already pencilled in combined pre-tax profits of £187 million (Williams £140 million) pushing up prospective earnings per share from 26½p to more than 31p.

Meanwhile, Williams remains committed to the Kidde Fire Protection deal for which which Pilgrim was ready to pay Hanson £150 million before the US Federal Trade Commission stepped in.

Gearing of 30 per cent should present few problems for a company now valued at more than £1 billion. Any indigestion in the share price, which stood at 276½p last night, should be taken as an opportunity to buy.

Attwoods

To the discerning hamburger-eater, and even the odd investment analyst, there are important distinctions between a "Big Mac" from McDonald's and a "Whopper" from Burger King. But as far as the waste disposal specialist Attwoods is

concerned, the discarded paper cartons and half-eaten food is just another load of rubbish - and very lucrative it is too.

Attwoods is attempting to move into the disposal end of the business where winning planning permission for sites can be a headache. But, essentially, it is in the business of rubbish collection, not only domestic and commercial but also surgical and toxic waste, which is more profitable.

The company's strength lies in its long-term renewable contracts which have an average life of five years. Its pricing structure is such that a competitor would need to take a loss to undercut it.

Yet, relative to its competitors, Attwoods is on the comparatively low prospective multiple of just 12.3, assuming it makes £24 million this year. Investors are entitled to feel cautious about a company which makes 70 per cent of its profits in the US, and is therefore vulnerable to a fall in the dollar.

But the adverse currency effect on a service company, being purely translational, is more apparent than real. The shares look undervalued.

BAA/British Airways

The share prices of BAA and British Airways were trampled in yesterday's Tempus item. The BAA price is 281p and British Airways is 167p.

'Invisible victims' of crash

Washington (Reuters) - Many of the small US investors who feel they were victimized by brokers on "Black Monday" are still waiting for their complaints to be resolved, says a report published yesterday.

The survey found that 82 per cent of the investors that took part in the study had become less confident about the securities markets, and 67 per cent had switched or planned to change their broker and adopt a more conservative investment strategy.

It was carried out by the North American Securities Administrators Association, which covers securities regulators from the 50 states.

Mr John Baldwin, the incoming NASAA president, said: "This confirms our suspicions that small investors were, and remain, the invisible victims of the October 19 stock market crash."

British buys in Europe poised to break record

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

An acquisitions drive into the Continent, with purchases more than doubled in value terms could make 1988 a record year for corporate activity involving British companies.

As the single European market of 1992 gets closer, European enterprises look likely to remain acquisition favourites although the level of investment in US companies is, while down, still relatively high, according to *Acquisitions Monthly* magazine.

The magazine's latest analyses cover the first nine months of 1988 when the value of acquisitions rose 18 per cent to £21.93 billion on the same period last year. There were 1,605 takeovers compared with 1,497 in the same period of 1987.

The number of acquisitions on the Continent in the nine



Sir Peter Brinell, chairman

months jumped 43 per cent to 168 compared to 95. The value was almost £1.64 billion, a 140 per cent rise. In the period, British companies made 283 US acquisitions worth \$17.9 billion (£10.5 billion) against 194 worth \$27.95 billion last year.

Takeover activity in Britain hardly slackened either. There were fewer takeovers of public

companies - 113 in the nine months against 148 in the same period last year - but more mega-bids pushed the value of acquisitions up by almost a third to £12.2 billion.

Among the bigger bids in the nine-month period was that of Nestlé for Rowntree (£2.6 billion), and BP, led by Sir Peter Walters, paid £2.56 billion for British.

Bidding for public companies was slow at the start of this year but the quicker pace achieved in the summer looks set to continue at least until the early part of next year, particularly because of the contested bids already in the arena, according to the magazine's analysis. But a dip in the economy could have an impact on acquisition activity, it points out.

Takeovers of private companies rose to 1,080 in the first nine months against 884 last year.

Dauphin builds a 29% advance at half time

By Martin Waller

Dauphin, the office furniture manufacturer, celebrated its first set of figures since its company's stock market debut in June with a 29 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £1.9 million in the six months to the end of June.

The news came yesterday with the opening of the group's 2,000 sq ft showroom at the Business Design Centre in Islington, north London, which will support its planned expansion in the London market. A 1.3p maiden dividend is

to be paid, against a nominal 1p last time.

Mr Alec Waddicor, the chairman, said a number of possible acquisitions had been considered. Dauphin has about £2 million in the bank earmarked for growth, after placing which raised £1.3 million.

Dauphin has also agreed to import office furniture made by de Sede of Switzerland, one of the most exclusive names in the field which sells some of its products through Harrods.

COMPANY BRIEFS

COLORMAN INC (Fin)
Pre-tax: \$0.33m loss
EPS: \$0.02 loss
Div: nil

BRISTOL STADIUM (Int)
Pre-tax: £0.12 (£0.10m)
EPS: 3.66 (3.01)p
Div: nil

HIGH POINT SERV. (Fin)
Pre-tax: £2.08 (£1.25m)
EPS: 28.27 (17.54)p
Div: 3.75 mkg 5.75

KCA DRILLING (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.59 (£2.05m)
EPS: 1.82 (2.13)p
Div: nil

MEDMINSTER (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.11 (£0.52m)
EPS: 9.73 (10.25)p
Div: 2.5 mkg 3.67p

1987 pre-tax profit \$0.10m
1987 earnings per share \$0.01m
Company has entered textile market.

Turnover £2.15 (£0.50m).
Directors are not proposing a dividend now. Will reconsider position at end of the year.

1987 dividend 2.75 mkg 4.50p
Proportion of business undertaken for the private sector is to be increased.

Turnover £11.65 (£13.65m). Board believe that any decision regarding dividend level to be deferred until year-end.

1987 dividend 1.67 mkg 2.57p.
Chairman confident of the new sector making a useful contribution to profits.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings: Last Dealings: Last Declaration: For Settlement:
October 10: October 21: January 12: January 23:
Call options were taken out on: 10/1988: 10/1988: 10/1988: 10/1988:
Group: Waco Group, Bantex, Perfield, Norton Optics, London Int'l Group, Celestial, Control Specs, Bala Resources, Davy Int'l, J. Davis, Verson Int'l, Amber Day, Teletron, J. J. Wagon Int'l, Dacot, Anglin Secure Homes, Radio Clyde, Aircon, Reddit & Coleman, American.

Put: 6 Call: Domino Print, PML, Parkfield.

Adwest

1988
A year of progress

Results for the year to 30th June 1988.

Highlights									
* Profit before tax up by 10% on 1987									
* Dividends per share up by 31% on 1987									
* Dividends per share up by 25% on 1987									
* One-for-one bonus issue									

The Chairman, Mr. Fred Grant, says:
"The above-average increase in dividend, together with the proposed capitalisation issue, underlines the Board's confidence in being able to maintain this improved performance in the coming year."

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London Merchant hardens opposition to Carless deal

By Carol Ferguson

London Merchant Securities, Lord Rayne's property and leisure group, has hardened its position over the proposed acquisition of Ryan International, the coal mining group, by Carless Capel & Leonard, the independent oil company.

LMS, Carless's biggest single shareholder, with a 27 per cent stake and two directors on the Carless board — Mr Robert Spier and the Hon Robert Rayne, the chairman's son — initially approved the £90 million acquisition of Ryan.

Subsequently, however, LMS announced that it had changed its mind, saying that it was unlikely to support the

deal, but giving no reasons for its change of heart. It has now gone further, registering its outright opposition to the deal.

Mr Spier, financial director of LMS, said that, as a director of Carless, he had had very brief notice of the proposed acquisition. "But we tended towards support, because we have always supported the management," he said. "We supported Ian (Clubb, Carless's managing director) through five deals in the past year, so we did not change our minds without thinking about it very carefully."

Mr Clubb said last night that he was not surprised that LMS had decided to oppose

the deal. "I always assumed they would," he said. But he added that he had had strong institutional support. "It will be a photo-finish, but we will succeed in making this acquisition."

He said that, with limited exceptions, he could count on all the big shareholders, but he needed to mobilize the small shareholders, who hold around 20 per cent of Carless shares. "We want as many to vote backing the management as we can get," Mr Clubb said. "So far the proxies are four to one in favour."

Mr Spier said: "LMS has now had a long time to contemplate the transaction, and has had all the relevant

information, and we have concluded that it dilutes the value of the upstream oil activities."

He added: "Carless would need to rely on Mr Crispian Hotson, Ryan's chief executive, in the coal business. If the bid goes through, Mr Hotson will become the deputy group managing director."

Mr Spier acknowledged that Mr Hotson had "done rather a good job of recovering Ryan from its troubles of the past," and said that if Carless were to diversify into coal, Mr Hotson would be a good manager. "But we are increasingly of the view that diversification too far out of the oil business is not a good thing," he said.

Bae wins £100m USAF contract

British Aerospace's civil aircraft division has won a contract worth more than £100 million for maintaining the British-based F-111 fighter aircraft fleet of the United States Air Force (USAF).

It follows an existing five-year deal for keeping the fighter aircraft, made by General Dynamics of the US, in full battle trim. British Aerospace has been dealing with the F-111 since 1978.

The work will be done at Filton in Bristol, where the workforce of 5,000 is also involved in making wings for the European Airbus and the central fuselage of British Aerospace's 146 ultra-quiet jetliner.

The eventual value of the contract will depend on the USAF's developing needs but it is put at "well in excess" of £100 million.

Barlows soars

Barlows, the Manchester commercial property manager and developer, reported an increase in pre-tax profits to £375,000 (£11,000) on turnover of £948,000, against £55,000 for the six months to June. Earnings per share rose to 1.71p, from 0.28p. The interim dividend was raised from nil to 0.75p per share.

£20m order

C&I Systems, the Gateshead subsidiary of Northern Engineering Industries (NEI), has won a £20 million contract from the Central Electricity Generating Board for a control and instrumentation system for the Sizewell B nuclear power station. Completion is due by November 1993.

Spanish buy

W Canning, the specialist chemicals and industrial distribution group, has bought 75 per cent of Santos del Valle and Semitronic, both in Spain, for £2.4 million. Canning has the right to buy another 10 per cent of the companies in 1990.

£2.15m deal

Midsummer Leisure, the discos, pubs and snooker halls group, is buying LV Farnell, a Nottingham sign manufacturer, for £2.15 million initially, the consideration depending on profits.

Raine move

Raine Industries has increased its stake in its bid target Ruberoid by about 2 per cent to 31.1 per cent including acceptances and purchases. A million shares were acquired from Smith New Court, the securities house.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Drexel moves on with 'lean, mean machine'

Mud may stick, but it does not seem to smelt. Despite the well-publicised problems of Drexel Burnham Lambert with the US authorities over the past year or so, the pioneers of the junk bond have climbed yet again in the *Wall Street Letter* rankings of investment analysts. Drexel analysts have moved from joint third into the number two spot. Goldman Sachs, joint third last year, leads this time with First Boston third.

Drexel's elevation from sixth in 1986, through joint third to second could hardly have come at a better moment, for the firm is planning an assault on the European research business, where it is so far unrepresented. It has had a market-making and trading operation for European stocks in London since the market opened up, trading about 50 stocks on the Seaq system and a total of some 100 non-US equities. It is also one of the more active players in the emerging London American Depository Receipt business, and is strengthening the team with the appointment of two traders from Shearson Lehman Hutton, Richard Abrahams and Paul Dunne, to trade ADRs and UK stocks.

At a time when many securities houses are wondering what to do with the staff they already have, Drexel is setting up its first research capability into British and European stocks. It

has brought in Nick Knight from James Capel as managing director of research and the whole operation is being headed by Alan Benasuli, still ranked as top US aerospace analyst despite his move to London. Three more are being drafted in from New York and Drexel has picked up a team in Spain from the Banco Santander.

Mr Benasuli has high hopes for his "lean, mean machine" which he is planning to drive through the competitive crowds to establish Drexel as one of the key players in international research, and reckons that by grouping his analysts by sector rather than by country, and then applying a country analyst on top, he will score while others merely kick own goals.

It doesn't exactly sound a revolutionary idea, but if he is right, then he will soon have imitators. London is still the most over-researched market where presentations by leading companies in, say pharmaceuticals or retailing, can be attended by nearly 100 analysts, all likely to write similar reports and try to flog them to the same institutional fund managers.

In the New York market, there are seldom more than a couple of dozen analysts following the same stock, and it can be only a matter of time before a similar situation will apply here. The best will have well-rewarded careers of influence; the rest will find other jobs, and not before time.

Gilt-edged satisfaction

The gilt market has good reason to be happy with things at the moment. It likes what the Chancellor is saying about interest rates and sterling, a run of recent economic figures has come out better than expected and, should things go wrong, the Bank of England is there with its vacuum cleaner, picking up surplus stock.

Yields on long-dated gilts, pushing at 10 per cent last month, have now settled down to below 9.5 per cent. The long end of the market is also looking beyond Mr Lawson's winter of discomfort to the base rate reductions that could follow it.

The September producer price figures, out yesterday, fitted the recent pattern of economic data. Output price inflation was in line with expectations at 5 per cent, but the weakness of raw material and fuel prices, down 0.9 per cent on the month — and this before oil prices really started to weaken — was a pleasant surprise.

The Chancellor's weekend television interview, in which he laid to rest the admittedly faint hope of a party conference base rate cut, may not have done the equity market any favours but it was music to the ears of the gilt market. The normal relationship between gilts and interest rates will not be restored until the market is convinced

that the economy is slowing and inflation remains under control. Thus, a commitment to maintaining high interest rates — and raising them further if necessary — is actually good for the gilt market in the present environment.

A major feature of that environment has been the steady buying-in of stock by the Bank of England. The Bank is faced with a public sector surplus which is growing larger by the month, and now it does not need to intervene to hold down sterling, it has little option but to buy in stock to meet its fully funding rule.

The Bank is understandably concerned that what it sees as a technical operation, and one which allows the authorities to reduce both the average maturity and the average coupon on its debt, has been seen as a market support operation. Even so, with the Bank probably having acquired £2.5 billion of stock in the current financial year, a phone call offering stock to the Old Lady is clearly in every market-maker's interest.

Buying-in will not insulate the market from the winter run on sterling that a £2 billion-plus monthly current account deficit could still generate. However, against a backdrop of rising inflation and a still overheating economy, gilts are in a strong position.

Attwoods leaps despite dollar

By Our City Staff

Attwoods, the waste disposal group, had a strong year in 1987, despite the adverse effect of the dollar on the translation of its results into sterling.

The group, which does 70 per cent of its business in the US, reported pre-tax profits up 24 per cent to £14.7 million, on turnover up 25 per cent to £92 million. In dollar terms, however, the results show a 44 per cent rise in turnover and pre-tax profits up 43 per cent. If acquisitions are also excluded, the rate of organic profits growth is 16.7 per cent. A final dividend of 5p net was declared, making 7p for the year, up 16.7 per cent.

Mr Ken Foreman, the Attwoods chairman, said yesterday: "Being a service company with minimal requirements to exchange currency, I again emphasise that such fluctuations in rates of exchange have no effect on the real financial strength of our company."

He said last June's £40 million convertible preference share issue had reduced debt, allowing the gearing ratio to drop to 22 per cent, and giving the flexibility to pursue acquisitions. In addition to rubbish collection, Attwoods is attempting to break into the potentially more lucrative disposal business by buying an 800-acre site in Pennsylvania. Mr Foreman said he had not yet been planning permission to use the site for landfill.

He said media attention on the problems associated with untreated waste in the US was benefiting the Medix subsidiary. "As illegally dumped hospital waste was washed up on US beaches, public demand for safe, regulated disposal of medical waste reached an all-time high," he said.

He added that Medix had doubled both revenues and profits during the year, and was extending its services to five more states.



US expansion: Ken Foreman (Photograph: Marc Aspland)

B&C builds for the future

By Cliff Foltman

Cayzer House, the City headquarters for many years of British & Commonwealth Holdings, is to be demolished to make way for a new office building which will be the flagship of the group's thrust into property development.

Mr Peter Goldie, chief executive of British & Commonwealth, said yesterday: "Ideally, we would like to have a property portfolio worth about £300 million within the next three to four years."

The group has been considering ways of developing its property assets to offset the absence of any fixed assets in its financial services business.

"Property development, both for investment and trading, will be a major activity. Large schemes could well be retained as investments, but smaller projects, particularly those with a value of up to, say, £20 million, will be undertaken principally for trading," Mr Goldie said.

"It is intended that many of the small projects will be undertaken with joint venture partners."

Cayzer House will be the first major development carried out by the new business, known as B&C Properties, run by the former Stockley director Mr Mark Creed, aged 34, and Mr Simon Farrow, aged

31, who worked on early Stanhope projects.

The new 85,000 sq ft building to replace Cayzer House is scheduled for completion in autumn 1990.

The scheme is one of the few sizeable office developments that will be available for letting in the City in the next few years, a B&C spokesman said. A further scheme in the City to create up to 30,000 sq ft of offices is also in the pipeline.

The portfolio also includes a 634-acre farm near the new terminal at Stansted Airport, and a 500-acre site in Redhill, which contains 300,000 sq ft of warehouse and offices.

Chillington falls to £1.87m

By Wolfgang Münchau

Chillington Corporation, the engineering, plantations and overseas trading group, yesterday announced pre-tax profits for the six months to June of £1.87 million, against £2.04 million last year. But fully-diluted earnings per share rose by 0.9p to 4.5p. Turnover was up 45 per cent to £33.57 million. The discrepancy between lower profits and higher earnings per share is due to the sale of the company's stake in Telfos Holdings.

In 1987, when the group sold 57 per cent of its stake, Telfos contributed £800,000 to pre-tax profits. A profit of £705,000 on the sale of a large part of the remaining holding was included in this year's interim accounts.

Higher tea and palm oil prices mean that the agricultural division is performing better than last year. But manufacturing at Chillington's Brazil plant has suffered badly from the effects of inflation at almost 800 per cent.

The interim dividend rises to 3p per share from 2.6p and a final dividend of at least 4.7p per share is planned.

Falcon promises accounts next year

By Martin Waller

Shareholders in Falcon Resources, the fledgling oil explorer whose shares have been suspended since October 1985, were yesterday promised long-awaited accounts for calendar years 1985 to 1987 early next year, along with an eventual relisting.

This follows last week's extraordinary meeting at which Mr Ronnie Monk was

elected chairman with the support of about 71 per cent of shareholders. The meeting led to the departure from the board of his rival, Mr Oliver Jessel.

At the meeting, Mr Monk was criticised over the long-delayed accounts. His plans for the refinancing of the company, which he previously chaired until displaced by Mr

Jessel in January, will be contained in a document to the estimated 5,700 shareholders "as early as possible in the first quarter of 1989," he pledged.

This would also contain the accounts for the three years, with audited figures for the nine months to end-September or even the figures for calendar 1988.

Lambs to Slaughter

At Friday night's annual dinner-dance of leading City solicitor Slaughter and May at the Grosvenor House Hotel, employees and their guests were reminded that the firm was, in common with other City practices, introducing new technology. Then, speaking on behalf of the staff, Peter Richards-Carpenter observed that, instead of using messengers to carry documents to the fax room, a pneumatic tube had been laid under the road to do the job, similar to those used in the early days of departmental stores. But since it had not yet been broken down, there had not been an opportunity to prove rumours that ferrets were being used to flush out messages that became stuck. Meanwhile, such is the advance of new technology that those employees inhabiting the new Coleman Street office have to contend with an electric revolving door, known as "the liquidiser". Richards-Carpenter said: "You have to get the speed, direction and rhythm absolutely right, and many a visitor has spent a unhappy few minutes trying to extricate a limb." However, this particular office is apparently occupied by the litigation department, and Richards-Carpenter pointed out that it was only right and fitting that litigators should sport black eyes, bruises and cauliflower ears if they were doing their jobs properly.

Trunk packed

Credit Suisse Buckmaster & Moore has lost its sole retail analyst, Rowan Morgan, aged 33, resigned yesterday after three years with the firm, left the premises almost immediately, and starts work with Shearson Lehman, the US investment house, in a month. As Shearson's senior retail analyst, he will be number two to Peter Jones in a stores team that also includes Michael Heery. Rowan, nicknamed The Elephant Man because of his fascination with the species — he has a collection of 40 model elephants at his Brimley, Essex, home — hopes to be set free from the comical title at his new City abode. After all, during the past 15 months a strict diet has reduced his weight by a full three stone to about 15 stone.

pick the next US president. Of the \$1 million (£390,000) so far raised, three-quarters has been bet on George Bush.



"We'll get married as soon as house prices have bottomed out and British Steel has been floated."

Abell adds Fennell to the mix

The relationship between the City and industry is often said to be an uneasy one — but not in the case of David Abell, the chairman of Suter, the industrial conglomerate. He has, I hear, recently married Juliana Fennell, a former analyst at County NatWest WoodMac, Juliana, described by her erstwhile City colleagues as "attractive, charming and very able" — forgive the pun — specialized in Dutch stocks and resigned a month ago so that she could move to Grantham, Lincolnshire, where Suter's headquarters — and thus Abell — are based. This is, I am told, Abell's third marriage, and the couple, who have known each other for two years, got hitched at Melton Mowbray registry office in Leicestershire. The ceremony was followed by a reception at Stapleford Park, the stately home converted into a luxury hotel by Bob Payton, that pleasantly eccentric American entrepreneur of Chicago Pizza Pie fame.

Running total

Not to be outdone by the Home Federal Bank for Savings in Waukegan, Illinois, which linked the rate on its certificate of deposit to the number of medals won by the US in the Olympics, the Regency Savings Bank in Naperville, also in Illinois, is allowing its investors to bet on the outcome of the Presidential election. Its new certificate of deposit promises to pay an extra 0.5 per cent to those investors who successfully

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TECHNOLOGY

New tune for radio

Richard Lambley analyses a new radio broadcasting system which promises listeners unprecedented convenience, flexibility and quality of sound

An imaginative project by the European Community is applying the virtues of compact disc audio technology to radio broadcasting. By the early 1990s we could be enjoying the benefits of fumble-free reception.

As BBC Radio 1 expands its infant VHF/FM network towards national coverage, a new body of listeners is experiencing, often for the first time, the clarity FM can bring.

But radio engineers are already working on a third-generation technology — an entirely new radio broadcasting system which promises unprecedented convenience, flexibility and sound quality.

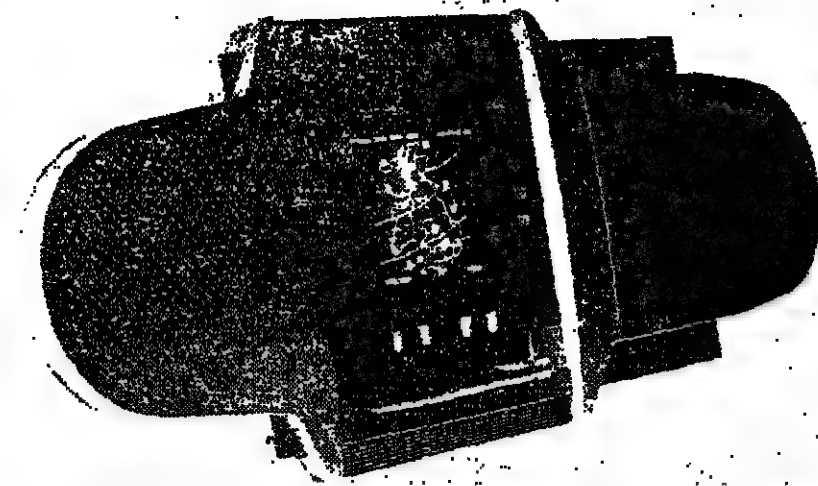
The hard truth about FM is that, for listeners and broadcasters alike, it has never been a total success. FM sets can be fiddly to tune and the frequencies you're looking for are difficult to remember.

Portable sets need a telescopic antenna which is inconvenient and fragile. In the car, fadeouts are a frequent nuisance and retuning is necessary whenever you travel from one transmitter's coverage area to another's.

With the new system now being developed, a single omnibus transmission will carry up to 16 radio programmes simultaneously. They will be in stereo and with digital quality comparable with that of compact disc.

Uncomplicated, fixed-tuned receivers will pick up the whole radio multiplex at once. Selecting a programme will become just a matter of pressing one of 16 buttons.

Though technically complex, there is a big payoff which comes when a direct



The digital radio of the future as seen by Bristol-based Kineir Dufort Design

signal from the transmitter is accompanied by delayed signals, reflected by buildings or terrain.

Compact disc players mask defects in a disc by reconstructing the music from data scattered elsewhere on its surface. In the same way, the new radios will recover missing information and so should give faultless sound under the most difficult conditions.

Representatives of the European Broadcasting Union were given a foretaste of digital radio's potential in a demonstration at Geneva last month. An experimental receiver fitted to a vehicle proved to work perfectly wherever it went — even behind buildings and under bridges — with no interruptions or changes in sound quality.

Probably a radio service of this kind would need to be satellite-delivered, rather than terrestrial as the Geneva demonstration was. But, in contrast to other satellite services, a curious property of the complex digital coding scheme is that any radio shadows cast by high ground or large buildings could be filled in simply by adding a ground-based transmitter on the same frequency. So there need be no wasteful repetition of the same programme on several frequencies.

Spare capacity in the transmission could carry data associated with the programmes. It is not hard to imagine a receiver having a built-in screen surrounded by those 16 push-buttons, each one identified by a label supplied and updated by the transmission itself.

The same screen could display the programme billing, the day's recipe or the station's phone-in number. Such features are possible to a limited extent with the RDS Radio Data System, launched recently by the BBC and due to be added to FM broadcasts throughout Europe.

But despite the convenience of RDS radios with their automated tuning, many engineers see RDS as a stop-gap solution, to tide the broadcasters over until they and their listeners can benefit from the user-friendliness and high performance of digital radio.

Details of the new system are still being worked out. But the major problem is that it will need a slot of its own in the radio spectrum, ideally within the range 500-2000MHz.

However, this part of the spectrum is already spoken for, and indeed is much coveted by other new services such as mobile radio and cordless FAX systems.

Linking in to a phone problem



David Bethel... on the difficulties of getting approval for business equipment to be linked into the BT network

After the computer industry's controversy on networking comes a new area of disagreement — that of the standards push. With every man and his dog writing "standards" you can be sure that the industry is about to enter its old age fairly shortly.

The European telecommunications authorities have set up international digital networks based on what is known as X.25.

But mention X.25 to most computer suppliers and they tend to turn green around the gills. Quite often they will tell you that their version is coming, but right now it is "still with the approvals people". And there lies the true reason for the discomfort of suppliers — the magic word Teleprove.

Teleprove is the branch of British Telecom charged with the task of ensuring that any piece of equipment you want to connect to the telephone network is safe.

Generally, they are viewed as the people who get in the way of other people selling or buying the equipment which is needed to run their business.

In actual fact — and no, I do not have any BT shares — Teleprove are the people who make sure that some other person does not ruin your communications, not to mention your equipment and long-term health.

Approved equipment is guaranteed not to produce any output which may get under the skin of the office equipment and break it. Customers can therefore be reasonably confident that their

communications will not be disrupted by anyone else breaking the network.

Perhaps more importantly, the approvals also test equipment for a level of user safety so that users can be sure that the attached equipment will not get under their own skin and break it.

Having an approvals board gives the UK the best compromise between choice and security. However, the approvals procedure is not cheap and this cost gets passed on to the user.

In reality though, when this cost is spread over the number of sales that a good product can achieve, the extra cost becomes small compared to the margins and overheads of a monopoly supplier.

It could be said that BT still maintains a monopoly in the approvals board. This is true, unless you consider the part that Mercury Communications plays in the matter.

Users requiring X.25 have the choice of using either BT's Packet Switchstream (PSS) network or Mercury 5100. To connect to Mercury you do not require

any approvals other than saying your equipment conforms to X.25.

Dealing with Teleprove has become less time consuming as British Telecom has been subjected to dual pressures of interested shareholders and market competition.

That aside however, there are still some suppliers experiencing problems with gaining approvals.

Some, but not all of these problems can be attributed to faulty communications between the suppliers and Teleprove. There is absolutely no point in simply filling in the forms from Teleprove and then sitting back and waiting for the approval to come through.

Once all the parts of the testing are done the relieved supplier can sell the approved package to the expectant buyer and everyone is happy — that is, until the next stage of the International Packet Switched network comes along.

Approvals have always required a lot of effort to acquire and that effort tends to be viewed by suppliers as a waste of their resources. But although there is a lot of work such effort is useful.

Remember what Tom Lehrer said about people who spend hours bemoaning the fact that they can't communicate: "I feel that if a person can't communicate, the very least he can do is to shut up."

The author is managing director of Aris-a company which sells mid-range minicomputers.

Intelligent alarm that's foolproof

A detector unit with an electronic "ear" listens for noises that fit a pre-programmed library of noises for instance, breaking glass followed by footsteps. When it

hears any, it opens up a telephone line to a central HQ. There, supervisors listen in and decide whether the noises agree with the device's diagnosis. If so, the police are called.

Last year, one million false alarms were generated, about 98 per cent of which were the result of faulty use or equipment. They cost an estimated £28 million of police time.

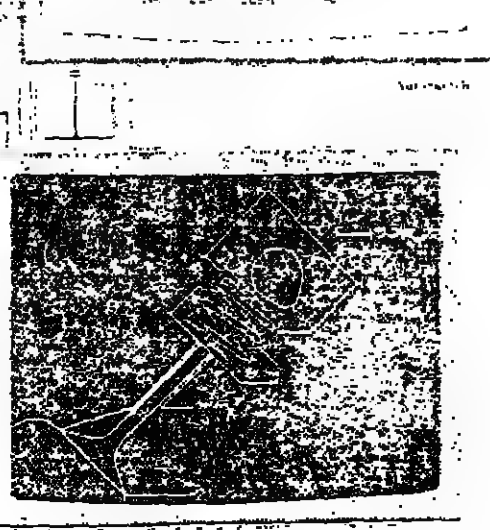
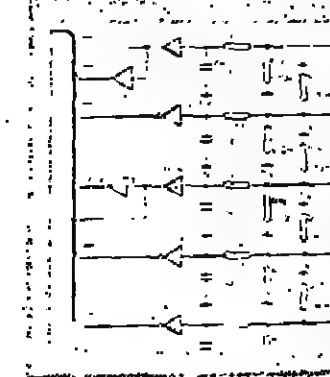
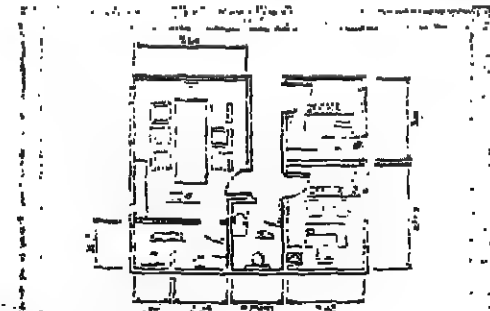
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Matthew May on the speech synthesizer reading machine

A boon for the blind

A portable reading machine for the blind and partially sighted, announced last week, uses a speech synthesizer to read out instantly typewritten or typeset material.

The Personal Reader uses a speech chip that recognizes groups of characters as syllables and then produces words.

It includes nine voices — four adult male, four adult female and that of a child — to provide variety, and so that messages, such as a request to turn the page of a book, can be made in a different voice.

A talking calculator is also included and the system can be connected to IBM or Apple compatible PCs.

Developed by Kurzweil in the United States, the unit has American voices, though British and other European versions are planned.



David Titchell, of Kurzweil demonstrates the machine that can turn the written word into computer generated speech.

The unit, which can be set to read at speeds ranging from 120 to 350 words a minute, can use either a hand-held scanner moved manually across text like a personal computer "mouse" or an automatic scanner which can read books or papers.

Advances in the technology, said the British distributors, Northampton-based Sight and Sound Technology, means the system can accurately use the inflections of normal spoken English and is far superior to the robotic monotones put out by older versions.

It is also cheaper, with a starting price of £8,000.

"The blind and visually impaired now have immedi-

ate access to the kind of printed or typeset material which the sighted take for granted," says David Bradburn, director of Sight and Sound.

"Instead of having to wait for talking books or Braille versions to become available, users can now read the latest books, peruse professional journals and scan urgent or confidential business correspondence in complete privacy," he added.

The system is on show until Thursday at the Naides exhibition at London's Alexandra Place and will then be on display at other locations in the UK throughout October.

Digital link with Tandy

Digital Equipment is to sell personal computers made for it by the Tandy Corporation, writes Matthew May.

As the world's second largest computer company, Digital has been curiously absent from the market for PCs since four years ago when it abandoned its Rainbow personal computer after dismal sales.

Under an agreement announced last week, Digital will order PCs from Tandy to its own specifications and sell them under the Digital brand name. Initially, they will be sold only in the US, moving to Europe later.

Recently, Digital has limited new products to the widening of its Vax mini-computer range, though last year it signed an agreement with Apple to develop links between their computers.

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Julie Ireland: Support staff can earn salaries of up to £18,000

Call for personal support

JOBScene

By Sean Hallahan

There is a growing
demand for staff to
support personal
computers from cus-
tomers, software houses,
and hardware suppliers.

Apple Computer, for ex-
ample, plans to increase its
support staff from 14 to 30
over the next year while Lotus
Development, the software
house that produced the best-
selling IBM PC spreadsheet,
Lotus 1-2-3, went through a
similar recruitment campaign
earlier in the year.

Nor is it just suppliers
which are looking for support
staff. Large computer users are
also looking for recruits,
according to Julie Ireland, a
director of Greyhorne, a
recruitment consultancy
specializing in the PC market.

"About 40 per cent of all our
permanent vacancies are for

support staff — a big increase
over last year. We have a lot of
manufacturers on the hunt for
them. One major manufac-
turer is looking for just over 30
people," Miss Ireland said.

A support person with just
one year's experience can
command a salary of about
£12,000 but anyone with more
experience can be looking for
a salary of £16,000 to £18,000.

Martin Lawless of the execu-
tive recruitment consultants
Slade Lawless, believes that
companies are taking support
more seriously and con-
sequently recruiting a higher
level of staff up to director.

"It is an interesting observa-
tion on our industry that,
particularly with the US com-
panies, jobs tend to be inter-
changeable," Mr Lawless said.

Senior support staff may
well have had previous experi-
ence in sales and marketing
within their own companies or
with their previous firm.

Mr Lawless believes that the

demand for support staff re-
flects a move toward a more
service-oriented computer in-
dustry, coupled with the fact
that many of the major sup-
pliers get an increasing propor-
tion of their revenues from
installation and maintenance.

When personal computers
are put into medium or large
companies they are more of-
ten than not connected to
either a minicomputer or a
mainframe. When the PC was
purely a desk top tool, used by
itself, support was relatively
easy.

Then the personal computer
was usually bought from a
dealer, came with a year's
warranty and if it broke down
the dealer could simply send
in an engineer who could find
and mend the fault on the
spot.

In many cases that is no
longer possible. If the machine
is a part of a networked system
or plays a vital role in an
interconnected system it is not

possible just to pull out the
plug and carry the machine
back to base.

Apple, which earlier this
year entered into a deal with
DEC, now has to employ
support staff that have a wider
understanding of computing
in general.

"We are not talking about
putting a man in a van and
sending him out on the road.
We need people who under-
stand networks and corporate
computing. There are some
dealers who will rise to this
challenge and we do have
some who specialize in this
area," said one Apple man-
ager.

Out of 62 staff employed by
Lotus in Britain, about around
30 per cent are now employed
in support.

If the first part of the 1980s
were the years of the PC
manufacturers, dealers and
software houses then the last
could belong to those who
support the systems.

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High flyers to far-flung places

Training and safety cause the worries

The need for pilots has risen to match the demand for air travel, reports Ann Hills

Pilots are in demand as never before but only a handful out of thousands of applicants will become commercial captains.

Captain Graham Jenkins is a British Airways pilot with a manner that inspires confidence. "I got back yesterday from Kuala Lumpur, via Abu Dhabi, Bangkok, Bahrain..." he said, listing the names of the places he reaches by Tristar. "When I'm not flying, I'm behind that mahogany bomber," he said, pointing to a desk in his executive office near Heathrow airport.

Captain Jenkins, aged 51, began his career in the Foreign Office, then trained with the Canadian Air Force and spent several years in the RAF, before joining British European Airways. These days he chooses destinations to suit the other half of his professional life as BA's deputy general manager flight crew - combining flying with administrative duties, as is normal among senior staff.

Being a practising pilot provides a contrast, and an insight into managerial responsibilities. Those include managing pilot schedules, where crew stay overnight (BA pilots' overseas expenses total £50 million annually), handling industrial relations, postings, promotions and recruitment.

British Airways, with 2,460 pilots - half those who fly commercially in this country - is recruiting up to 250 a year for the

foreseeable future, including those with experience who come through direct entry. Other airlines, from Dan Air to British Midland, have also been recruiting to meet the boom in air travel, which shows no signs of waning.

After 30 years, Captain Jenkins still enjoys the challenges and the excitement of flying. "I still remember breaking through cloud and seeing Rio de Janeiro at dawn," he says. His diary is lined with meetings, such as with the British Airline Pilots' Association or with a pilot selection working group.

Nearly 7,000 applications were received during 1987-88 for BA's sponsored pilot training. Of those, 1,500 candidates were interviewed and 149 were eventually accepted.

Most are at or will attend the £20 million British Aerospace Flying College at Prestwick, near Ayr, which opened in November last year. Among the first recruits is Karen Jones, the daughter of a retired BA pilot, who, she says, disapproves of women aiming to be captains.

Miss Jones, aged 21, with a degree in chemical oceanography and marine biology, was one of a tiny proportion of women among those aged 18 to 24 sent to Prestwick. "I had hoped there would be more; we budgeted for 10 per cent, but they are below 5 per cent," Captain Jenkins said. The 64-week intense course at



Teaching at the Prestwick college: Mary Turner and Carl Mason

the flying college would cost about £60,000 in the open market (there is a quarter of fee-paying flying schools). The college is a commercial BAe initiative, sited beside the BAe factory, next to an Air Sea Rescue base and an international airport. Most places are reserved for British Airways-sponsored students but there are trainees from Gulf Air and Cathay Pacific. By next year there will be 250 resident places.

In the hangar at the college sit nearly 50 new small planes, flyers named Bravos, Seacats and Piper Warriors, together worth millions of pounds.

"It's staggering to think you can train pilots on these and they are more than halfway to flying a jumbo," Mary Turner, the only

female instructor at Prestwick, said. Married to a professional pilot, she started flying as a hobby.

"I was an organic chemist at the time," she said. "Gradually flying took over and she ferried people and cargo all over Europe. The children - now aged five, seven and 10 - caused an interruption, until she joined the flying college last January after a refresher course. Now she earns about £25,000 a year."

Carl Mason, another instructor in his forties, used to fly to oil rigs in the North Sea. He took a drop in pay to leave that dangerous work. "Training hasn't been popular in the past," he said, adding that now, with strong demand for fully fledged pilots, it has a new and improved image. Most of the

college's instructors have about 20 years' flying experience.

Miss Jones was typical in her appreciation of the course, which includes avionics (radio aids), meteorology, aerodynamics, aviation law and flight planning. She sat in mock-up cockpits with illuminated panels and studied planes in-flight on computers. Students go beyond the standards of the Civil Aviation Authority examinations, gaining a UK Commercial Pilot's Licence/Instrument Rating while being prepared for a conversion course based on the specific type of plane they will fly as co-pilot.

"Delays are the biggest problem; there's not a lot you can do," Captain Brian Maher, aged 49, said. He was piloting a Dan Air BAC 1-11 returning from Zurich to Gatwick, having caught up time after an hour's delay leaving Britain "caused by air traffic".

He and his co-pilot Forbes Ramage, aged 33, said that commercial pressures were increasing, putting a heavy responsibility on them if they decide that time and fatigue demand an overnight stop abroad, with no relief crew.

Mr Ramage, BA-trained, joined BA helicopters in the North Sea, and was among those who went to the rescue after the Chinook crash in November 1986.

"According to Captain Maher: 'Flying is a bit like golf - there isn't the perfect trip (or round). That's why a lot of us play golf.' He touched down, perfectly."

As air traffic in Europe continues to rise, airlines struggle to meet demand and pilots are being overstretched. Airport delays mean longer hours at work, pushing them to the limits of safety. "We are concerned," said Air Commodore Freddy Yetman, technical director at the British Airline Pilots' Association (Balpa), based at Heathrow. "Pilots are coming to us to ask what we are going to do about it." He says there are no quick answers.

Balpa, with more than 6,000 professional members, works closely with airlines and the TUC on issues from safety to training. Some of its member pilots visit universities to help to recruit trainees. It is contactable at 81 New Road, Harlington, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 5BG (01-759 9333).

An accident last year at Denver in the United States may have happened because the pilots were inexperienced, according to Terry Middleton, executive administrator of the International Federation of Airline Pilots' Association.

"We are concerned that as international airlines attract more pilots, they take them from the regional carriers who have to find pilots from where they can," he said. The result was that those with a private pilot's licence but too little commercial flying experience were getting jobs. Only five or six years ago pilots were redundant; the death of work had now turned into a glut, he said.

The federation represents about

65,000 pilots in 72 countries and has offices in Egham, Surrey, in Mexico City and Montreal. It can be contacted by telephone on 0784 37361.

British Airways trains pilots recruited from men and women aged between 18 and 24. They need at least five passes at O level, or equivalent, and two at A level. They must be between 1.63 and 1.93 metres tall and have to pass a medical examination.

They are likely to attend the British Aerospace Flying College at Prestwick, near Ayr, where they receive pocket money (about £20 a week) and all expenses paid.

New recruits start on short-haul flights, and will be flying in the cockpit within a few weeks of leaving the college, at a starting pay of £16,500, which rises according to experience and age. A senior captain after at least 28 years' experience will earn £50,000-plus.

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Essex is one of the largest County Councils with 1.5m people. The school population is approximately 224,000 and there are over 600 primary and special schools, over 100 secondary schools, together with ten colleges.

The County Education Officer will be required to provide leadership during a time of change and challenge.

- ★ Generous relocation allowance
- ★ Professional fees paid

Extensive senior management experience within the Education Service is essential.

Further details and application form from County Personnel Officer, PO Box 11, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1LX (Tel. 0245 492211 ext. 24101).

Closing date: 4th November 1988.

Essex County Council

KINGSTON & ESHER HEALTH AUTHORITY

Acute Unit: Kingston and Tolworth Hospitals
Unit General Manager

with a special brand of leadership quality

The Authority's Acute Unit has a budget of £24 million and 1,540 staff to serve a population of some 180,000. Now we need an experienced and dedicated General Manager to guide the Unit through the major changes and developments which will take place over the coming years.

In addition to a relevant degree or other professional qualification, the task calls for a highly motivated individual with a high-profile experience of general management, operational planning and information services. Extensive personal strengths are also demanded; among them, strong communication and motivational skills, creativity and demonstrable leadership ability.

Initially, the appointment will be for a fixed term of 3 years, on a salary of £26,648 plus £2,757 London Weighting and a performance-related pay allowance.

For an informal discussion, contact John Langman, the District General Manager on 01-390 1111, extension 265.

An information package and an application form are available from the District Personnel Officer, 17 Upper Brighton Road, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 8LH. Tel: 01-390 1111 ext. 234.

Closing date for applications is 4th November 1988. We are an Equal Opportunities Employer.

COMPUTER OPERATIONS - BRISTOL

Career Grade to £9,873 (pay award pending)

COMPUTER OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

If you have at least 4 GCE 'O' level passes and would like to gain experience of computer operations then this job should interest you.

You will be involved in assisting with the operation of a large PRIME 9955 minicomputer, which provides a wide range of services to the Highway Department. You will also have the opportunity to assist with systems programming and gain experience in the use of microcomputers. Your other duties will include administrative support to the Department's computer services.

Your starting salary within the career grade will depend on your academic qualifications and length of relevant experience.

You will be working in an attractive part of the County as well as having the following employment benefits:

Substantial relocation package available when appropriate.

Department is open to the BCS Development Scheme.

Excellent Conditions of Service with up to 26 days holiday and 11 public holidays.

Wide ranging experience of computer services in a major technical department.

Application by form only, available with further details from the Director of Personnel Services, PO Box 270, Avon House, The Haymarket, Bristol BS8 9TH. Tel: 0117 925 2200 (extension 2200) (answer on 2200 number after office hours).

Please quote reference number 880/33972 when asking for forms which must be returned by 31st October 1988.

Highways and Engineering Department

Avon is an Equal Opportunities employer considers applicants on their suitability for the post, regardless of sex, race, disability or sexual orientation.

Avon
COUNTY COUNCIL

BOROUGH FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Can you match our success?

Every year we make significant savings in hard cash terms through our Contract Auditing work. We are justly proud of our achievements in this area and we are anxious to fill a current vacancy on the team. If you think you can help us maintain our level of performance why not apply?

Assistant Auditor

Salary up to £12,432 p.a. incl.

(Pay Award pending)

Working under the supervision of a Principal Auditor, the Assistant Auditor will have specific responsibility for continuous Contract Audit. In addition there will be some opportunity for involvement with appraisal of financial and computer systems throughout the Authority.

Our prime requirement is for someone experienced in the audit of Contractors' Final Accounts who can demonstrate initiative, motivation and a sound grasp of audit techniques. A relevant qualification would be preferable.

The salary will be within the Scale 6/501 but actual salary point will depend upon the skills and experience which you can offer.

A generous package of benefits include a 35-hour week, flexible working hours, minimum 24 days' leave and casual car allowance. Car loan facilities are available and where appropriate removal and relocation expenses are payable.

Closing date: 24th October 1988.

For further details and an application form please telephone Slough 875076, (24 hour answering service) or 875071, or write to the Personnel Section, Town Hall, Bath Road, Slough, Berks. SL1 3UD.

A commitment towards the Council's Equal Opportunity Policy is essential. We positively encourage applications from black people, and those from other ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and women where they are under-represented in the workforce.

Job offers considered.

Slough Council

Working towards equality

SANDWELL HEALTH AUTHORITY

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND INFORMATION

- REVENUE BUDGET £41M.
(Salary £29,790 + opportunity to earn performance related pay)

The post has been newly created following the promotion of the previous Director of Finance to be our District General Manager.

We are now seeking to appoint a qualified accountant with a special interest in information.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate a successful period in financial management of a large organisation.

The non financial information service is developing within the Authority and provides opportunity for new ideas.

Candidates wishing to have an informal discussion should contact the District General Manager, Mr. S. Lawley, at Kingston House, 438 High Street, West Bromwich, Tel No. 021 553 6151 Ext. 247.

Application forms, which should be returned by 1st November 1988, and an information package can be obtained from the Director of

Sandwell is a non-smoking Health Authority



The British Trust
for Ornithology
wishes to appoint a

Director of Development

This is a senior position involving responsibility for the growth and development of Britain's leading ornithological research organisation. The successful candidate will have a considerable knowledge of ornithology or ecology, and almost certainly several years' post-doctoral experience, together with enthusiasm and both leadership and entrepreneurial skills.

The Director of Development will be concerned with the Trust's future research programmes and their funding, and with all matters relating to membership and publicity. He or she will be expected to take up the post early in 1989. Salary negotiable. The BTO is currently situated at Tring, but will be moving in autumn 1989 to Thetford in Norfolk.

Applications, together with the names and addresses of three referees, to the Administrator, British Trust for Ornithology, Blech Grove, Station Road, Tring, Herts HP23 5NR. Tel. 044 282 3461.

Closing date for applications, 14 November 1988.

MUSEUM SECRETARY

To be responsible for the efficient and effective management of the administrative, financial and support services of the Royal Armouries, which will include finance, personnel, commercial activities and security. The successful applicant will form part of the Senior Management team and will act as Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

You must have a proven ability at managerial level in at least one of the areas of activity mentioned above.

It is also essential that you are aware of the principles of sound financial management and to this end an accounting qualification would be advantageous.

The post is only for a period of three years and is graded at Grade VII in the Open Structure. Salary will be within the range £16,557 to £21,819 per annum.

For an application form please write to:

Miss J D Palmer, Royal Armouries, HM Tower of London, London EC4N 4AB or telephone 01-460 6358 ext. 352

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EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT ASSISTANT

Salary up to circa £14,000
plus Gasarrel Relocation Package

We are looking for an experienced accounting technician or part qualified I.P.A. to undertake a wide range of duties including preparation of accounts, budgets and financial investigations.

This is a challenging post offering excellent and wide ranging experience at a senior level.

The Council is situated in a beautiful part of Devon bordering the sea. We offer a very generous relocation package including full reimbursement of legal and estate agents fees, removal costs and with temporary accommodation in appropriate cases.

Application form and job description available from Personnel Section, EDDC, Knowle, Sidmouth, Devon, Devon PL8 5BQ, ext. 354, or for an informal discussion contact Julian Kearney, Deputy Treasurer, on ext. 411. Closing date: 20th October 1988.

This Council has adopted a positive policy in respect of the employment of disabled people. ESE

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

Director of Education and Training

We are a major firm of solicitors in the City and are concerned to maintain the highest possible standards of fee-earning excellence. We recognise that professionally organised in-house education and training is fundamental to this. A Director of Education and Training is now sought to fulfil this strategic role.

In addition to education and training it is envisaged that the position will involve organisation of external activities and seminars, particularly for the firm's major corporate clients.

The successful candidate, who will be counter-industry aware and have proven managerial ability, will probably have a legal or academic background and will join the challenge of creating responsibility for co-ordinating the many facets of education and training.

A substantial package of salary and benefits is envisaged.

To find out more, please contact our consultant, Gareth Quarry, on 01-405 6062 or write to him at Quarry Dougall Recruitment, 46 Bedford Row, London WC1N 3BL.

Senior Legal Management

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Local Government is changing and, in preparing ourselves to stay ahead of the field, we have created an important new position on our top management team. Its emphasis will be on leading and managing for results - although you will need to be strong on advocacy skills, have a wide experience of litigation, and have overall responsibility for our conveying experts.

The job will be challenging but is supported by a team of dedicated professionals and is a significant career step for lawyers with the flair and ambition to reach top management.

On offer is an attractive salary, a senior management role, excellent working conditions, a flexible resettlement scheme and the possibility of a leased car. For further details John Polychronakis, our Deputy, will be pleased to speak to you anytime on Dudley (0384) 453300 (days) or Dudley (0384) 235258 (evenings until 9.00 p.m.). Alternatively, you can obtain an application pack from the Legal Services Department, Dudley M.B.C., 3 St. James's Road, Dudley, West Midlands (Dudley) (0384) 453305. Closing date 24th October.

DUDLEY
Metropolitan Borough
Equal Opportunity Employer

University of Exeter
ASSISTANT FINANCE OFFICER (ACCOUNTANCY)

Applications are invited from qualified accountants with appropriate experience in the public sector, industry, commerce or the professions and with the vision, drive and professional competence necessary to meet the new demands and challenges faced by the University.

Duties include the preparation of accounts, budgets and management information for a diverse organisation with a turnover in excess of £30m per annum and employing 1700 staff.

Salary will be within the range £19,605 - £22,910 p.a., with placement dependent on relevant experience.

Please telephone 0392 - 265100 (ansaphone service) or write for further details to the Personnel Office, University of Exeter, Exeter EX4 4JA, quoting reference no. 3576. Closing date 19 October 1988.

HERTFORDSHIRE MAGISTRATES COURTS COMMITTEE

Sheriff and North Herts Division.
Court Clerk CC/PAD 8 - 17.
£12,198 - £16,539 (Pay Award pending).

Applications are invited from persons qualified under the Justices' Clerks (Qualifications of Assistants) Rules 1979.

Applicants should be competent to take without supervision, all types of Courts and will also be required to undertake certain administrative duties.

Salary will be fixed in accordance with experience and the upper end of the scale will be reserved for persons experienced in taking all types of Courts.

Courts held at Hitchin, Letchworth and Royston are administered from the Hitchin Office and Courts at Stevenage are administered from the Stevenage Office.

The person appointed will be required to take Courts at any of the Court Houses. A casual car allowance is payable.

The usual J.M.C. Conditions of Service will apply. A generous relocation package exists, including mortgage subsidy, removal expenses etc, and further information may be obtained by telephoning Mr. or Mrs. J. H. H. on Hitchin (0462) 362 or my Deputy (Mr. Bostwick) on Stevenage (0438) 74 111.

Application forms obtainable from my Secretary in Hitchin must be returned not later than 28th October 1988.

David Barber Clerk to the Justices,
The Court House,
Hitchin,
Herts.
SG5 1JY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS
SECRETARY/ EXAMINATIONS ASSISTANT
C £10,000

The College is a professional organisation conducting examinations for doctors wishing to specialise in obstetrics and gynaecology.

The Secretary/Examinations Assistant will be required to assist with the organisation of the College Membership and Diploma Examinations which are held in the United Kingdom and Overseas. Applicants should have a secretarial or administrative background. The person appointed will be required to work without supervision and to strict deadlines. Word processing skills would be an advantage although the intention is to computerise the system in the near future. The salary will be £9,569 to £11,887 (under review) according to age and experience.

The College enjoys excellent working conditions which include free lunches, a flexible 35 hour week, 21 days leave plus public holidays and car parking.

Please contact Mrs. Anita Simmons for an application form and details on 01-262 3425 ext 223, or RCOG, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4BG.

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PERSONAL SECRETARY

Mature personal secretary to the Director, sought for great, friendly national voluntary organisation, based at Kings Cross. Experience essential, shorthand an advantage.

Working towards an equal opportunities policy.

Closing date for applications: 21.10.88.

For further details, application form, contact: Jenny Davison, at NAWCH, Argyle House, 20/21 Euston Road, London, NW1 2SD. Telephone 01-553 2061.

PUBLIC PRIVATE CLIENT
TO £35,000

Committed to the growth of its private client department, our Client, a well-known Inns practice, enjoys a prominent reputation for its high profile private client work.

Its clients embrace both landed gentry and entrepreneurial wealth and include some very substantial trusts. Instructions are varied, stimulating and encourage creativity.

The successful applicant will have upwards of two years' experience and seek to play an active role in the further development of this department. The prospects are excellent.

For further information please contact Gareth Quarry or Jonathan Macrae on 01-405 6062 (01-228 5345 evenings and weekends) or write to Quarry Dougall Recruitment, 46 Bedford Row, London WC1N 3BL.

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LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

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WEST END & HOLBORN OFFICE
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COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRY

COMPANY COMMERCIAL

W1 Well respected and traditional WE practice with a wide client base including financial, commercial and industrial organisations wishes to recruit an experienced company/commercial lawyer with at least 5 years relevant experience. The successful applicant will undertake a varied workload including acquisitions/disposals and joint ventures. An excellent salary and early partnership prospects are offered.

INSURANCE LITIGATOR

MAYFAIR £30-£35,000
Major based commercial law practice serving primarily Commercial and Industrial. An immediate vacancy for an experienced Solicitor with ideally 3 years relevant experience to undertake insurance litigation on behalf of insurance companies and syndicates at Lloyd's. Applicants should have impressive academic qualifications and specialist skills in the area of insurance litigation.

RESIDENTIAL CONVEYANCER

SW1 £Excellent
One of the broader general practices in London seeks a Solicitor or qualified Legal Executive with at least 2 years relevant experience to undertake high quality residential conveyancing and litigation matters. Candidates must demonstrate effective communication skills and meticulous attention to detail. Excellent opportunity with long-term prospects.

For details of Private Practice vacancies throughout the Capital, please contact Gillian Croft on 01-583 0073 (day) or 01-272 2837 (evenings and weekends).

6TH FLOOR, 29-31 OXFORD ST, LONDON W1R 1RE.

LEGAL ADVISER

c.£28,000 + Car

SW1 Major international marketing organisation seeks a forward-thinking, business-minded Solicitor with commercial experience in industry or private practice. As the Legal Adviser you will provide advice to senior management on an international basis. General legal work will include commercial contracts, licensing agreements, trademarks and patents. Willingness to travel worldwide essential.

COMMERCIAL LAWYER

WEST LONDON c.£27,000 + Car + Bens

Multinational company has an opportunity for a young lawyer aged 28 to 35 years to join the European Legal Division responsible for advice to senior management on company law, anti-trust, EEC law, consumer law, commercial contracts and competition law. You must have an excellent academic background and possess outstanding communication skills. Knowledge of French or German an advantage.

COMMERCIAL SOLICITOR

£Attractive + Car

SW1 Leading manufacturing plc has a vacancy for a young Solicitor with good commercial experience to join a small legal team at Head Office. A varied workload will include acquisitions, disposals, commercial contracts and intellectual property. Applicants must have excellent communication skills and work well under pressure.

For details of vacancies in Commerce and Industry throughout the Capital please contact Robert Drury on 01-583 0073 (day) or 01-341 4875 (evenings and weekends).

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CONSTRUCTION LAWYER

CITY £60-£70,000
Large, prestigious City practice has identified a requirement for senior construction lawyers to undertake a wide variety of non-contentious related matters. Applicants are invited from Solicitors/Barristers with at least 5 years relevant experience, gained either in Private Practice or in Commerce & Industry. It is anticipated that the successful applicant will assume partnership status within a short time.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY/COMMERCIAL

EC4 From £30,000

This rapidly expanding department has two newly created vacancies. The first requires a background in intellectual property and particular knowledge of computer-related work. The second will comprise general intellectual property work including competition matters and the preparation of commercial agreements. Applicants for this latter position should be at least 3 years post. Excellent prospects and stimulating working environment.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

EC1 From £21,000

Interesting and varied commercial conveyancing, investment and planning experience can be gained within the expanding property department of this major City practice. Applications are welcomed from Solicitors with 2 years post or from newly qualified with good academic credentials. Excellent remuneration packages.

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18-18 NEW BRIDGEST, LONDON EC4V 6AU.

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£Excellent

CITY The investment banking arm of this top UK merchant bank is looking for a very bright solicitor to join its corporate services department. An excellent academic record coupled with strong business acumen are essential in studying the effects and implications of new financial products. A company and commercial background will be useful in capitalising on this opportunity.

CORPORATE FINANCE

to £50,000 + Benefits

CITY Many of our clients, who include some of the City's leading names in both domestic and international transactions, require additional staff to join their corporate finance and M&A departments. Applicants - probably aged between 25 and 32 - must have strong negotiating skills and the potential to progress to board level positions.

For details of Commerce and Banking opportunities throughout the Capital, please contact Jon Reilly, Amanda Browne or Jon Michel on 01-583 0073 (day) or 01-470 1840 (evenings and weekends).

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(including election fees)

Bath City Council seeks a City Solicitor to be its legal adviser and to manage the legal department.

Not only is Bath preparing actively for the substantial changes facing local government as a result of recent and impending legislation but it is also carrying out a fundamental review of policy in a number of areas. The City Solicitor will play a key part in these changes by contributing constructively to corporate policy and decision making.

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For further information, please contact:

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SOLICITORS & NOTARIES

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- Commercial Property** - Undertaking complex, stimulating and varied commercial property transactions for a broad range of substantial clients.
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The firm would also welcome applications - particularly for its Company, Commercial and Tax/Trusts departments - from lawyers fluent in French, German or Spanish wishing to combine their linguistic and legal skills.

All these posts offer quality of life, competitive rewards and outstanding career prospects.

For further information please contact Alistair Dougall on 01-405 6062 (01-773 3702 evenings and weekends), or write to him at Quarry Dougall Recruitment, 46 Bedford Row, London WC1N 2BL.

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THE LEGAL RECRUITMENT SPECIALISTS
A COMMERCIAL COMMITMENT

As a young and ambitious Lawyer, you may still be searching for a career you can grow into and not a job you will grow out of. At Lipson Lloyd-Jones, we can help to develop your career whether it be in private practice, industry and commerce or the financial sector.

We are currently instructed by all of the leading commercial practices in London to recruit young Solicitors with experience in the conveyancing, litigation and company/commercial fields, with the drive and talent to make partnership a realistic career objective.

Our clients in industry and finance are seeking Solicitors or Barristers with quality commercial experience who now wish to expand upon their knowledge of the business world.

We would be particularly keen to hear from those with a special interest in the rapidly developing and dynamic field of taxation, to work either in private practice or in-house.

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Call Sandra Kerman on 236 4402, in confidence of course for more details.

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Your work will range from the UK and EEC regulatory aspects of high profile take-overs and mergers to industry-wide investigations by the OFT/Monopolies Commission and the European Commission. It will also include advising on the UK and EEC competition law affecting all types of commercial agreements.

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Please write, enclosing your CV and quoting C/T to:- David Rance, Freshfields, Grindall House, 25 Newgate Street, London EC1A 7LH.

FRESHFIELDS

Commercial
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Our client is a Central London firm with a thriving international litigation and arbitration practice.

Exciting opportunities have arisen for solicitors with up to 4 years' experience (although more qualified candidates may be considered) to handle large commercial disputes in the UK and Europe, the Arabian Gulf and the Far East.

The successful applicant is likely to have gained quality experience within a Central London firm and should be

seeking the opportunity to develop his or her talents in an environment which encourages participation in the continued development of the firm's international name.

The position offers an excellent salary and prospects.

For further information please contact Anna Thorne on 01-831 2000 (evenings/weekends on 04868 4763) or write to her at Michael Page Legal,

39-41 Parker Street, London WC2B 5LH.

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Commercial Lawyer

for NEI PARSONS LTD., the world renowned manufacturers of Turbine Generators for power stations at home and abroad. The Company is part of NORTHERN ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES PLC, the £800m international engineering group and 1988 Queen's Award winner for export performance.

Responsibility will be to the Commercial Director as part of a small, high-powered department. The task will be to advise and work with senior management in the legal aspects of winning and executing £multi-million contracts. Front-line negotiating and overseas travel will be involved. The secondary, limited role will be that of Company Secretary.

The need is for a young, preferably 28 to 35 years old solicitor or barrister, or degree qualified person, with at least two years' successful industrial or commercial experience. This must demonstrate competence in the legal aspects of engineering contracts and a positive business aptitude.

Salary is negotiable and will reflect the status and responsibilities of this appointment. Benefits include generous relocation assistance. Newcastle upon Tyne location.

Please write - in complete confidence - with personal, career and salary details to W. J. Angus, ref. 65093.

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DEPUTY HEAD
OF LEGAL

Guinness Plc wish to appoint a senior commercial lawyer to the position of deputy head of their group legal department.

The group legal department, based in West London, is well-known for its high professional standards and its all-round technical expertise. The lawyers are encouraged to develop an understanding of the financial, commercial and industrial problems of the industries in which the group operates - principally the production and marketing of the world-famous brands of alcoholic drinks, but also other activities in the food and leisure industries.

The position offers an interesting and varied range of work, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, intellectual property, consumer law, etc., all with a substantial international element.

Candidates should have experience in high-level negotiations, and must enjoy the challenge of doing business overseas. They should be in their mid-to-late thirties, preferably with in-house legal experience.

In keeping with the seniority of this position, an excellent salary is offered, plus company car and other benefits.

Please send your CVs, in the first instance, to Sonya Rayner, Chambers & Partners, 74 Long Lane, London EC1A 9ET, or telephone her for further information on 01-606 9371.

GUINNESS PLC

Commercial Lawyer The North East

Our clients are a well-known and successful engineering company, part of a major international group engaged in engineering and contracting worldwide.

They are now seeking to strengthen the legal department at their headquarters located close to the attractive countryside of North Yorkshire. They wish to recruit a commercial lawyer, aged 27-30 years, to join the existing team of two lawyers and several para-legal assistants.

The work covers a wide range of commercial activities, including the preparation and negotiation of consortium and joint venture agreements, negotiating/drafting technology transfer/exploitation agreements, arranging project finance and negotiating

terms, monitoring potential funding from the World Bank and other international lending agencies, dealing with claims arising in the performance of major projects, and managing the company's litigation.

Candidates should be solicitors or barristers, qualified at least two years, with a commonsense, down-to-earth commercial approach to their work. Previous experience in some of the above-mentioned responsibilities would be an advantage.

An attractive salary is offered, with the usual large-company benefits. There are excellent local leisure and schooling facilities, and housing is still reasonably priced.

For details, please telephone Sonya Royner, or send her a copy of your C.V.

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If you would like to be considered please send your CV to, or telephone: Peter Bennett, The BOC Group plc, Chertsey Road, Windlesham, Surrey GU20 6HJ. Tel: 0226-77222

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The person sought will be a good all-rounder with some three to five years qualified experience. Other attributes sought include social skills, an outgoing manner, high energy, preparedness to accept responsibility, and a determination to succeed. Candidates could be in a London, Birmingham or other city practice, but with near term career prospects blocked.

The rewards include a flexible remuneration package, negotiable at an attractive level. Reasonable removal expenses will be met.

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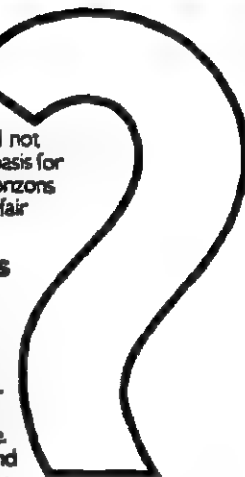
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I spent an afternoon with two of the wives. It was distressing. They had obviously both loved their husbands very much and the fact that they didn't have the bodies made everything much worse. By the time I went home that evening I felt completely wrong out.

David Burnside is an advocate and a partner in the Aberdeen firm of Clark & Wallace. He is also spokesman for the main group of solicitors acting for families of the Piper Alpha victims. He is used to cases of industrial accidents, but the scale and nature of the disaster, especially coming so soon after the Chinook helicopter crash in which 45 men died, is affecting him greatly.

His firm is acting for the families of 12 of the deceased so he is fully aware of the misery behind the process of negotiation and the wrangle over compensation.

The oil business is still the regulator which governs the temperature of the Aberdeen economy. And events such as Piper Alpha underline its importance to the city. The consumer spending on Union Street and the success of the local hotels, leisure and housing markets have risen and fallen in line with the price of oil.

The result is that most of the leading firms of accountants and solicitors now find themselves working one way or another for people in the oil business. Whether someone is setting up a diving company or running a disco, the money is likely to be coming from oil.

The law firm most conspicuously



As the cost is being counted of the Piper Alpha disaster in which 167 oilmen perished, Edward Fennell reports on Scotland's traditional "men of business" who will handle claims by the victims' families

involved in all this is Paul & Williamson, which has been the leading legal light on the Aberdeen scene for generations and which now has almost all of the big oil companies among its clients.

The managing partner, Mike Park, is acting for Occidental over the Piper Alpha negotiations but is tight-lipped about most of his work. All he will concede is that through working so extensively with Americans, the firm has switched to an American office-style not too different from the big international firms in London.

Mr Park joined with Mr Burnside and Patrick Davies (of Milne Mackinnon & Peterkin and chairman of the Piper Alpha Disaster Group) to assert the Scottish solicitor's traditional role as "the man of business" to whom the ordinary citizen can turn for any kind of transaction.

As such, men like Mr Park and Mr Burnside are also concerned with the

running of their firms' estate agencies (where the lawyers dominate the market) as well as doing criminal, personal, probate, divorce and tax work.

Unlike their English and Welsh cousins, Aberdonians have not allowed the accountants to walk away with a lot of their traditional business. Arthur Andersen, however, has walked away from Aberdeen. Though it had quite a lot of referred work in the area, the local partners were unable to attract clients who generated the kind of "special work" arising from management buy-outs or acquisitions.

Managing the office, therefore, "became a bit of a head-ache", I was told by an Andersen spokesman. So the decision was taken to close down the operation.

Hugh Munro, now a partner in Arthur Young, the accountants, but formerly with Andersen's, disagreed with this move. As an Aberdonian, he

believes deeply in the city and felt Andersen's were making a mistake. He is now working assiduously building up a clientele for AY among the middle-ranking but growing local firms where, he believes, the future of the practice must lie.

Following takeovers of many of its big-name Scottish clients, AY has not had a comfortable ride in Scotland recently and it clearly needs someone with Mr Munro's determination and commitment to make the place go again. As Simon Hare-Scott of Peat Marwick McLintock confirmed, Munro's appointment makes AY a real force again on the local scene.

Mr Hare-Scott is an expert on the oil scene who had years of experience of the industry in the West Indies before coming to Scotland. In particular, his antennae are well-tuned to the local oil servicing-contractors where business has been pretty quiet in the last couple of years. These smaller companies may have survived the slump of the mid-1980s but they certainly aren't thriving.

Ironically, the Piper Alpha affair and the new health and safety regime which may result could be the stimulus which groups such as diving companies need to get them back into real profitability.

"Are the results of the Department of Energy's inquiry going to create a mini service industry boom for Aberdeen?", pondered Mr Hare-Scott as he reflected on those of his clients who have been very busy indeed in the aftermath of the accident.

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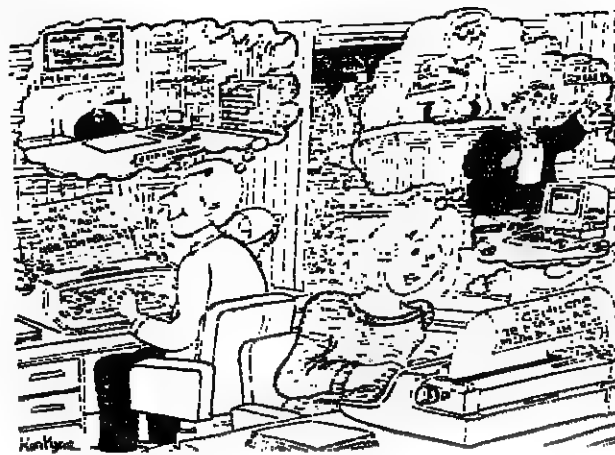
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Cold comfort for victims

The Government has made clear its wish that courts should order offenders to pay compensation to their victims, particularly in cases of violence. Guidelines as to the appropriate amount of compensation in cases of personal injury, based on the awards made by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, have been sent to courts, and the Criminal Justice Act 1988 contains a provision coming into force this week requiring any court which fails to make a compensation order, in a case where it has power to do so, to state its reasons.

This provision allows no exceptions, so that (for instance) it will shortly be necessary for a judge who sentences a convicted murderer to life imprisonment (and

thereby deprives him in most cases of any prospect of paying compensation within a reasonable time) to explain why he is not making a compensation order in favour of the relatives of the victim.

This requirement apart, the idea that violent offenders should compensate their victims seems so obviously sensible that many may wonder why courts need any encouragement to use the powers to order compensation which they have had available for 15 years.

Unfortunately, ordering offenders, and particularly violent offenders, to pay compensation to their victims is not so simple in practice. As a means of compensating victims (as opposed to

punishing offenders) it is highly selective - it can operate only in favour of those victims whose assailants are detected and successfully prosecuted. It is no help to those whose attackers are not apprehended, who must rely on the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; while the Board provides compensation to victims of serious violence out of public funds, irrespective of whether the person responsible is brought to court, it is prevented from making any award of less than £500.

Many victims of less serious violence, whose injuries would entitle them to an award which falls below this limit, and whose assailants are not convicted, will inevitably go uncompensated.

The second weakness of a system of compensation paid by offenders is that it depends on the means of the offender. A victim whose assailant has readily available assets from which compensation can be paid may quickly receive the full amount to which he is entitled, but in most cases the compensation will be ordered to



Making offenders compensate their victims is harder than it sounds, says Dr David Thomas

be paid out of future earnings.

This will often place the sentencing court in a dilemma, particularly in a case of serious violence for which normal sentencing practice requires a custodial sentence. If the court passes a custodial sentence, the offender will lose his source of income and thus his ability to pay compensation; if the court imposes a non-custodial sentence, in order to allow the offender to keep his job and pay compensation, the

deterrent effect of the sentencing policy may be weakened.

There is also a risk of objectionable discrimination between employed and unemployed offenders, if the unemployed offender guilty of a similar offence, with no realistic prospects of paying a substantial amount of compensation within a reasonable time, continues to be sent to custody.

This problem is frequently compounded by the difficulty of assessing the genuineness of the offender's offer to pay compensation. There are many examples of cases where an offender facing a custodial sentence has caused his advocate to present the trial court with a rosy picture of his financial state, with a view to persuading the court to make a compensation order coupled with a non-custodial sentence, and later appealed against the compensation order on the grounds that the information presented to the trial court was inaccurate, and there is no possibility of the order being satisfied.

If this stratagem works in the

Crown Court, the offender escapes all effective penalty, as the non-custodial sentence cannot be touched by the Court of Appeal.

Even where a compensation order is made by a criminal court against an offender, there is no guarantee that the victim will receive it in a form which is of much use to him. The vast majority of compensation orders (over 80 per cent in a recent study) are ordered to be paid by instalments, and instalments are usually relatively small (90 per cent in the same study were for less than £10 per week).

A victim in whose favour a court makes a compensation order for £500 (the amount suggested for a minor injury causing reasonable absence from work for about three weeks), will usually find that he receives payment by small instalments, stretching out over a year or more, and not always regularly maintained. While small compensation orders are usually paid, larger orders (over £100) have a higher default rate.

Here, it might be supposed, the

Government would be keen to follow up its emphasis on the payment of compensation by offenders by strengthening the law against defaulters, but the effect of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 is quite the reverse.

The Act reduces the maximum terms of imprisonment which compensation order defaulters may be ordered to serve, so that (for instance) the maximum term in default of payment of a compensation order of £1,000 will soon be 30 days.

Simple economics suggest that for many violent offenders ordered to pay compensation as a result of the Government's initiative, and particularly those sentenced to a term of immediate imprisonment for the offence, serving the default term rather than paying compensation will be the more attractive alternative, as few of them are likely to be earning the £500 per week that the new scheme of default terms seems to adopt as its basis.

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European Law Report

European Parliament v Council of the European Communities
Case 302/87

Before Lord MacKenzie Stuart, President and Judges G. Bosco, O. Duc, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, T. Koopmans, U. Everling, K. Bahlmann, Y. Galmot, C. N. Kakouris, R. Joliet, T. F. O'Higgins and F. A. Schockweiler.

Advocate General M. Darmon (Opinion May 26, 1988).

[Judgment September 27]

The European Parliament had no *locus standi* to bring an action for the review of the legality of acts of the Council or the Commission under the first paragraph of article 173 of the EEC Treaty.

The European Parliament brought an action pursuant to the first paragraph of article 173 for a declaration that Council Decision No 37/373/EEC of July 13, 1987 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ No L 197, p.33).

By that decision the Council defined the conditions which it might attach to the exercise of the powers delegated to the Commission for the implementation of rules which it established and adopted provisions governing the composition, procedure and the role of committees of representatives of the member states who might be invited to take part.

The Council raised an objection to the admissibility of the action pursuant to the first paragraph of article 173 of the EEC Treaty. The Council argued that the first paragraph of article 173 did not expressly provide that the Parliament might bring an action for annulment. The possibilities of intervening or of bringing an action for failure to act, which were available to the Parliament, were independent

Power of European Parliament to bring annulment case

of the action for annulment.

In its judgment on the Council's objection, the Court of Justice of the European Communities held as follows:

It was first necessary to note that the parties had correctly placed the dispute in the context of the first paragraph of article 173 of the Treaty. That paragraph made a distinction between the right of action of institutions, dealt with in the first paragraph, and the right of action of natural or legal persons, dealt with in the second paragraph. The Parliament, which was one of the institutions of the Community, was not a legal person.

It was apparent from the terms of the first paragraph of article 173 of the Treaty that the

Parliament had the right to bring an action to establish the failure of the Commission or of the Council to act and thereby to bring an end to any paralysis of the decision-making procedures which might prevent it from exercising its powers.

The Parliament also had the possibility of making itself heard before the Court by intervening in cases before it, as was clear from article 37 of the Protocol on the Statute of the Court.

It did not follow from those rights that the Parliament had a right to bring an action for annulment.

There was no necessary link between an action for annulment and an action for failure to

act. That followed from the fact that an action for failure to act enabled the Parliament to instigate the adoption of acts which could not necessarily be subject to an action for annulment.

The Parliament also argued that in the absence of a right to bring an action for annulment it would be impossible for it to challenge an express refusal by the Council or the Commission to act, after having been invited to do so in accordance with article 173.

However, such a refusal to act could be brought before the Court on the basis of article 175 where it did not put an end to the failure to act.

Not was there any necessary connection between the right to

intervene and the possibility of bringing an action. On the one hand, under article 37 of the Protocol on the Statute of the Court, the right of individuals to intervene required them merely to have "an interest in the result of any case submitted to the court" while the admissibility of an action for annulment by such persons was subject to the condition that they were either the addressees of the act whose annulment they sought or that they were directly and individually concerned by it.

On the other hand, pursuant to the first paragraph of article 37, the European Parliament had the right to intervene in cases such as those relating to the failure of member states to fulfil their obligations, while

only the Commission and other member states might initiate such actions.

Though the Court had ruled, in Case 254/83 *Las Puyes v Parliament* (1986) ECR I-1339, that an action for annulment might lie against measures adopted by the European Parliament which were intended to have legal effects vis-à-vis third parties, that was because an interpretation which excluded such measures from the scope of that action would have led to a result contrary to the scheme of the Treaty which was to make a direct action available against all measures adopted by the institutions which were intended to have legal effects.

A comparison between articles 38 and 33 of the EECSC Treaty demonstrated however that, in the scheme of the Treaties, where acts of the Parliament were subject to legal control, it had not, however, been given the power to initiate direct actions against the acts of other institutions.

The Parliament's argument that there must be a parallel between the capacities of a defendant and of an applicant in actions for annulment had therefore to be rejected.

The Parliament also argued that in the absence of a power to bring an action for annulment, it would not be in a position to defend its own prerogatives vis-à-vis the other institutions.

Those prerogatives had been increased by the Single European Act which included a joint

decision-making power for the Parliament with regard to accession and association agreements and which established a co-operation procedure in certain specific cases, without, however, having made any amendment to article 173 of the EEC Treaty.

In addition to the rights conferred upon the Parliament by article 173, referred to above, the Treaty provided the means for acts of the Council which had been adopted in infringement of the Parliament's prerogative to be submitted to judicial review by the Court.

Although the first paragraph of article 173 gave a general right to the member states to seek the annulment of such acts, article 155 of the Treaty more specifically gave the Commission the responsibility of ensuring that the prerogatives of the Parliament were observed and, for that purpose, to bring any actions for annulment which might appear necessary.

Moreover, any natural or legal person might, in the event of infringement of the prerogatives of the Parliament, rely upon an infringement of an essential procedural requirement or an infringement of the Treaty in order to obtain the annulment of the act adopted or a declaration of the inapplicability of such act on the basis of article 174 of the Treaty.

Similarly, the illegality of an act on the grounds of infringement of the Parliament's prerogatives might be raised before a national court and the act in question might be the subject of a reference for a preliminary ruling to the Court for a review of its validity.

It followed from all of the foregoing that the present state of the relevant provisions did not enable the Court to recognize that the European Parliament had *locus standi* to bring an action for annulment.

On those grounds, the European Court:

1. Dismissed the application as inadmissible.

2. Ordered the European Parliament to pay the costs.

Lawfulness of 'no-challenge' clause in licensing agreement

Bayer AG and Hennecke GmbH v Sullhöfer
Case 65/86

Before Lord MacKenzie Stuart, President and Judges G. Bosco, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, C. N. Kakouris, F. A. Schockweiler, T. Koopmans, U. Everling and R. Joliet.

Advocate General M. Darmon (Opinion July 7, 1987).

[Judgment September 27]

A "no-challenge" clause contained in a patent licensing agreement might have the effect of restricting competition except in the case of a free licence or in the case of a licence granted against consideration relating to an out-of-date process which would not be used by the undertaking which had accepted the no-challenge clause and where the patent concerned was not such as to prevent the use by the licensee of its own technique.

On July 22, 1965, Sullhöfer had lodged a utility model and a patent application for a process and equipment for the continuous manufacture of laminated sheets of hard polyurethane foam.

In 1967 there were legal proceedings between the parties in which Sullhöfer relied upon the aforementioned utility model and on the same basis had issued a warning to Hennecke and its customers.

Hennecke had counterclaimed for the annulment of the aforementioned utility model and sought a declaration that Sullhöfer was liable to pay royalties and damages for an illegal and erroneous warning.

Meanwhile, Bayer and Hennecke, which subsequently merged, opposed Sullhöfer's patent application. In the course of the proceedings the parties reached a negotiated settlement contained in an agreement

dated April 9, 1968.

By that agreement Sullhöfer granted Bayer and Hennecke a non-exclusive free licence for the use of the utility model and the patent, with the right to grant sub-licences.

Bayer granted Sullhöfer for consideration, a non-exclusive and non-transferable licence to manufacture foam sheets under a patent which it held, waived its claims against Sullhöfer in respect of past infringements of the rights in question and, together with Hennecke, undertook not to challenge the validity of the patent which Sullhöfer had applied for. Both parties to the agreement undertook to withdraw the legal proceedings which they had started.

As a result of new legal proceedings, a judgment at first instance held that the agreement of April 9, 1968 was void. On appeal, the Oberlandesgericht, (Higher Regional Court), Düsseldorf, considered that the no-challenge clause was in-

compatible with article 85(1) of the Treaty with the result that, under German law, the whole of the agreement was void.

The Bundesgerichtshof (Federal Court of Justice) stayed its proceedings and submitted a question to the Court of Justice for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

By prohibiting certain agreements between undertakings article 85(1) of the Treaty made no distinction between agreements whose purpose was to put an end to legal proceedings and those which pursued other aims.

That observation did not prejudice the question whether, and to what extent, a judicial settlement made before a national court might be void for infringement of Community competition law.

A no-challenge clause contained in a patent licensing agreement might, depending

upon the legal and economic context, have the effect of restricting competition within the meaning of article 85(1) of the Treaty.

In that context, it was necessary to specify that competition was not restricted where the licence was granted freely given that, in such circumstances, the licensee had not had to suffer the competitive disadvantage relating to the payment of royalties.

A no-challenge clause contained in a licence granted for consideration did not have the effect of restricting competition where that licence related to a technically outdated process which the undertaking concerned would not use.

It was appropriate, however, to observe that, if the national court took the view that a no-challenge clause contained in a licence granted for consideration might restrict the freedom of action of the licensee, it would be necessary for it also to

establish whether, taking into consideration the position which the undertaking concerned occupied on the market for the products in question, the clause was of such a nature as significantly to restrict competition.

On those grounds, the European Court ruled:

A no-challenge clause in a patent licensing agreement might, according to the legal and economic context, have the effect of restricting competition within the meaning of article 85(1) of the Treaty. Such a clause, however, did not restrict competition where the licensee had not had to suffer the competitive disadvantage relating to the payment of royalties, or where the licence had been granted for consideration but related to a technically outdated process which would not be used by the undertaking which had accepted the no-challenge clause.

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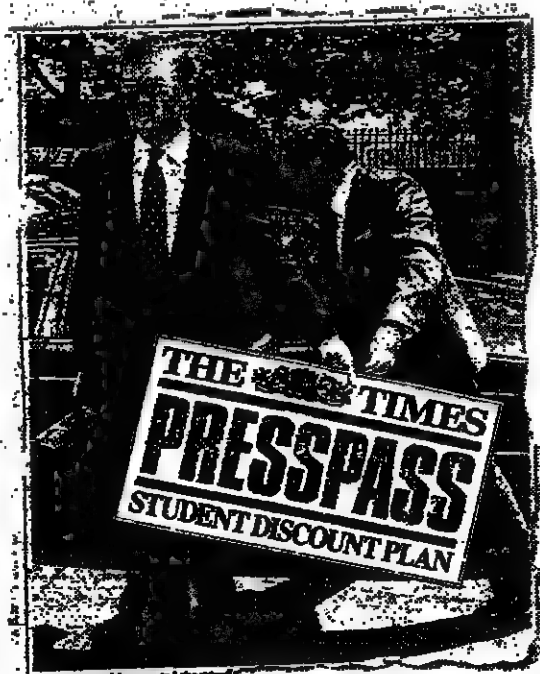
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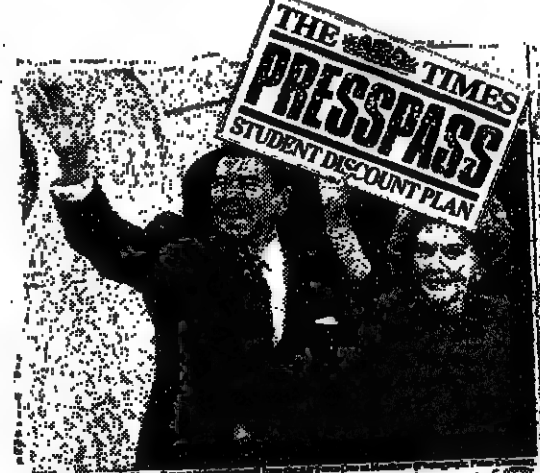
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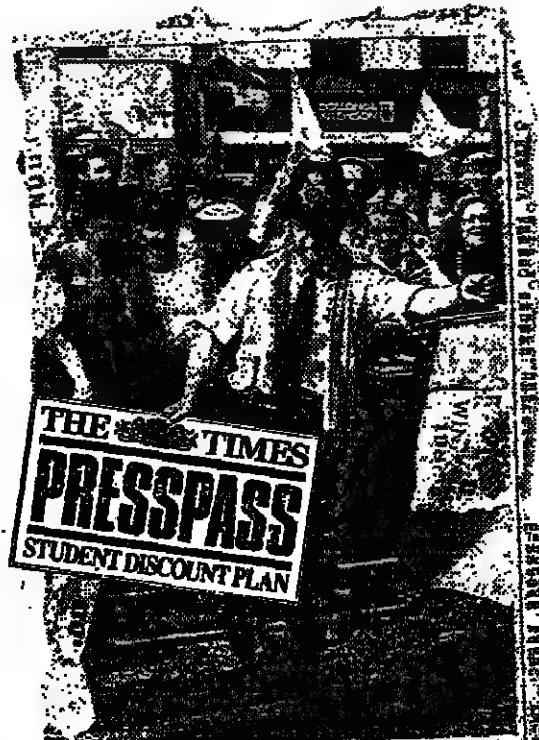
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By Mandarini

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The Geoff Huffer-trained colt has proved something of an enigma this season, on occasions running well in good company — at the Ascot Heath meeting he was beaten little over three lengths into sixth by Mazzacano in a Churchill Stakes which also included the useful Kalkate and Alkal — yet in the last month of the season he remains a maiden.

His latest start was another creditable effort when some seven lengths fifth to Dust Devil in a valuable Ascot handicap, and he will get no better opportunity than he does this afternoon.

Kings Rank looks his only serious rival but although he is consistent he is one-paced. The Lochranza Handicap is particularly tricky with the two highest weights, Samhan and Irgain, possibly not suited by the ground and the trip respectively. Really Gorgeous was an emphatic winner

of a Haydock claimer last time but is penalized 5lb and also steps up in class.

I side with Haggis Tavern. He was well beaten last time over 1½ miles, but had previously won at Redcar. This shorter trip will suit him better and he will not be inconvenienced by the soft going.

Deanna Green, caught in the last strides by Lariston Gale over course and distance last month, can defy top weight in the Kilbride Nursery while Borkaan, at his best with plenty of cat in the ground, can take the Millbrae Handicap.

However, for the nap I rely on Fashaw Goldberg in the Market Square Maiden Auction Stakes at Warwick. She has plenty of early pace, and indeed turned in one of her best efforts over this course and distance when third to Like Amber, also on soft ground, in July.

The minimum trip on a sharp track seems her ideal requirement and she can register her first success against opposition which, though nu-

merous, is largely moderate.

Height Of Folly, second to Lindross at Newcastle last week, had previously been a decisive scorer at Nottingham and can regain the winning thread in the Ann Hathaway Handicap, while Constant Companion is favoured by the conditions of the Wrotham Fillies' Graduation Stakes.

The Captain Cook Maiden Stakes at Redcar brings together representatives of Cecil, Shute and Harwood, and it is Cecil's Jungle Pioneer, second to the highly-regarded Frigate Army at Newmarket last month, who is taken to prevail.

Harwood, however, may be on the mark later with Lyrphoric, who can reap the benefit of his opening third to Babel at Yarmouth last month by winning the Mulgrave Maiden Stakes.

The four handicaps on the programme will all take plenty of solving, but my principal fancy from the quarter is the improving Oh Dandy Bay, who can defy a 5lb penalty in the Hanging Stone Handicap.

FOLKESTONE

Selections

By Mandarini

1.45 Beechwood Cottage, 2.15 Mainbocher, 2.45 Finest Kind, 3.15 What A Rowley, 3.45 Florio, 4.15 Catherine Schmitt, 4.45 Mill Lane, 5.15 City Heights.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.45 Sharp Times, 2.15 Bird Barn, 2.45 Finest Kind, 3.15 Ultra Light, 3.45 Florio, 4.15 Pride Of Kirby, 4.45 Silks Domino, 5.15 City Heights.

Going: soft Draw 51-61, low numbers best

1.45 BREDE APPRENTICES HANDICAP (21.150: 20 runners)

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3 (2) 0021 KILBRIDE NURSERY 14 (J.P. F. J. A.) W. Haggis Tavern 5-2
4 (3) 0022 BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 14 (J.P. F. J. A.) W. Haggis Tavern 5-2
5 (4) 0023 MAINBOCHER 14 (J.P. F. J. A.) W. Haggis Tavern 5-2
6 (5) 0024 FINEST KIND 14 (J.P. F. J. A.) W. Haggis Tavern 5-2
7 (6) 0025 WHAT A ROWLEY 14 (J.P. F. J. A.) W. Haggis Tavern 5-2
8 (7) 0026 ULTRA LIGHT 14 (J.P. F. J. A.) W. Haggis Tavern 5-2
9 (8) 0027 PRIDE OF KIRBY 14 (J.P. F. J. A.) W. Haggis Tavern 5-2
10 (9) 0028 SILKS DOMINO 14 (J.P. F. J. A.) W. Haggis Tavern 5-2
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Brian James sees a City accountant make the giant leap for man and horse in the Czech Grand National

Sporborg's epic ride reblazes killer trail

Pardubice, Czechoslovakia
This workaday town, 90 miles east of Prague, is known for two things. It is the home of the Taxis, the most feared obstacle in steeplechase racing, and it is where they make Semtex, the explosive most favoured by the world's bombers.

William Sporborg, an amateur horseman from Hertfordshire, is one of the few riders who took part in Sunday's running of the Pardubicka — the Czechoslovak Grand National — who does not believe that one should be used to eliminate the other.

For once again, the Taxis, a huge hedge and concealed ditch that requires a horse to cover more than 24 feet in a single bound, was the fence that finished off a third of the field. It was a pile-up to recall the race of 1984, when so many horses were injured that the Poles, after a century of participation, said they would never come back and the Czechoslovaks halved the field.

Yet Sporborg, on his father's hunter, Free Flow, silenced the knowing of the horse world who had declared the City accountant too inexperienced to survive the 30 fences and the ferocious unfamiliarity of the Pardubicka. He not only overcame the Taxis, but defended it. His race was feat enough, the second-best performance by a Briton for 75 years, to earn him a hearing.

To finish second when all but two others fell was epic. Yesterday, after a night of fairly immodest celebration, he felt able to declare easily: "When we all stood in a minute's silence at the briefing for a chap killed in this race a while back, I did rather wonder what I had let myself in for. But actually, I thought the whole course was very jumpable. And Taxis? Well, not all that startling. When seen from above."

He would not get agreement from the Hungarian, the Russian and the three Czechoslovak riders whose race was run at this fourth jump and who then joined in a multi-lingual moan. "Too much. Too high. Too far. Bad for horse."

"Bad for bad horses," Sporborg corrected. "Most of their horses are hurdlers — they go flat out and jump with a low trajectory. Start too far back and never make the distance. My chap is a proper hunter, gets close and then goes up."

"It is not the fences that are the big problem. It is the riders. Make no attempt to keep a line, barge anywhere that takes their fancy. Spent all morning learning the Czech for 'keep straight'. In the excitement I forgot the word, but shouted, anyway, A lot."

Even with Czech words, Sporborg reached understanding with Josef Vana, the mountain rescue guide who rode the winner, Zelenik, for the second successive year. "The Englishman surprised me. I feared most the Soviets until we started. Then he made me afraid. Good rider."

"We could not speak but I had an agreement with the Englishman," Vana said at the end. "Our horses wanted company. We rode to-



Hail and farewell to the Taxis: Sporborg, with one 24-foot bound, is over the notorious hedge cum ditch while another runner founders (Photographs: Stephen Markeson)

gether at the front — listening for the others. Then I shout to him, 'Quick, the Russians are coming.' Then we go fast together."

Sporborg tells it differently. "I knew his horse would refuse if left to face the big ditches on its own. So would mine. I tried to get behind Vana. He wouldn't have it. It was cat and mouse. But we both got nervous when that Russian started to close up from behind."

That Russian horse was Slikok, whose fall at the last big water ditch was horrific. The horse broke both legs and was destroyed. "The only bad casualty of a race that since 1874 has meant one or two horse deaths many years until the Czechoslovaks insisted on qualification events for their own animals post-1984."

But the tragedy saved embarrassment. The Russian jockey had remounted, which is allowed. But became unseated at the water. He spectators had caught his horse on the far side of the obstacle. "He would have to be disqualified if he finished," a Czechoslovak organizer said. "If he had won I do not know if the stewards would dare. Some are old men, with certain attitudes to Russians."

Attitudes linger, but are losing their grip. Sporborg's welcome (motorway police were ready with smiles and map-reading hints as soon as Free Flow crossed the

border) was part of a campaign to make the Pardubicka again a genuinely international event.

Which is why in a stroke the prize-fund was doubled for 1988 to near £35,000. By 1990, and the 100th running of the race, they may even let winners from the West take their money home, at present forbidden under currency regulations.

If that does not pull in the best horses and horsemen of Europe, the Czechoslovaks may go for western commercial sponsorship, or even adverts around the course — a staggering departure when you see know the present Pardubicka track lined with stalls effectively labelled State Beer, State T-shirts, State Plastic Horseshoe Souvenirs and State Hot-Dogs.

Western influences already exist. Officially, all betting is on the tote. But here and there in the 50,000 crowd — as ruddy-faced and roughish a bunch as ever graced an Irish horse fair — there were swirls of activity around gangs of men in garish leather jenkins and sharp shoes who had difficulty in closing their fists around wads of money.

Oh, yes, an official said, black bookmakers do take money. Much? "Well, the official ticket on the tote is 10 korunas (about 65p). One man put 500,000 kcs on a horse and seemed very satisfied when it won and he got 550,000

back. We think perhaps he was doing something not very legal."

In a country where it is virtually impossible for visitors to do anything involving money in a legal way (taxi-drivers and waiters froth into a frenzy if you try paying them what it says on the bill in their own nation's money) he was possibly right.

The Sporborgs depart today: Free Flow to try for a repeat win in the Melton Hunt Cup back home next month; William to endure the "very serious mucky-taking" he knows awaits him over his accountancy books at Price Waterhouse; and father Christopher (seen in the owners' enclosure staring with deep disbelief at the State Farm bosses who were his rivals) to tell his jockey club chums how "really very differently they do things in Pardubice". They have to leave their £6,500 winnings in a Czechoslovak bank "to pay for our next time", they tell everyone.

Will there be a next time? "With the champagne flowing, we said so," William said. "But perhaps not. We have rather been there... seen this... done that." But his success, as such it was, is certain to blaze a century-old path for British racing men. The Taxis and the water of the Great Moat — gleaming evilly in the setting October sun — are challenges likely to find more takers.



Where second best calls for the thumbs up: Sporborg and Free Flow

BASKETBALL

Depleted supply of Carlsberg

By Nicholas Harling

With no sponsors to succeed Prudential, no first round shocks and not even the presence, in name at least, of last season's two finalists, the National Cup competition, which began at the weekend, is not helping to restore some of basketball's missing credibility.

Only one second round match on October 29 will feature Carlsberg League clubs, Leicester City Riders and Olympic City Giants. Not that the situation in the Carlsberg League is any better. Take next weekend, for instance. Only three first-class matches are scheduled, two in the NatWest Trophy, and a single Carlsberg League game on Sunday, between Rangers and Hemel-Watford Royals.

Since two clubs have folded, two more have changed identity and yet two others have decided to play in the National League, it is hardly the fault of the Carlsberg League, who now have only 11 clubs under their jurisdiction. "We had a full programme scheduled at every weekend," David Clarke, the league's administrator, commented yesterday. "If clubs drop out, others can always rearrange games at short notice."

Oldham Celts, one of the clubs to have changed status, came closest to being the victims of a shock in the cup, albeit one that would hardly have caused a ripple. Terry Stuart's 46 points for Corby reduced Oldham's winning margin to 10, which was still cause for celebration in Lancashire. The 106-90 victory was Oldham's first this season.

The only two first-round ties involving Carlsberg League teams, both ended in home wins but only after Bracknell Tigers and Manchester Eagles had been stretched to the limits. Although Bracknell won comfortably, 82-68 in the end, Solent Stars almost overcame the handicap of being without both their American imports for all but the first five minutes.

Injured hands prevented Tyrone Cammo from starting what would have been his last match before he returns today to Kentucky because of homesickness. But Solent's cause was not helped by Phil Smith having to retire with an eye injury.

Sunderland, too, ran out of steam at Manchester, who finished 103-94 winners.

EQUESTRIANISM

Turi riding for high stakes

By Jenny MacArthur

David Broome and Queensway Countryman, whose fourth individual place at the Olympics was the best British performance, are among the 37 British entries competing for more than £100,000 at the Horse of the Year Show, which begins today in the Wembley Arena. The eight foreign riders include Ludwig Beerbaum and Franko Strohbach, the members of the West German gold medal-winning team in Seoul.

This year's prize-fund has been boosted by the introduction of the Next International Masters competition on Friday night based on the concept of winner-takes-all. The first prize will be a minimum of £8,000 — the highest offered — but could be more than £20,000 if the event continues over four jump-offs. The prize-money increases

with each round and the riders — seven can qualify, drop out as soon as they incur a penalty. Broome and Joe Turi are the only members of the Seoul team competing with their Olympic horses. Queensway Countryman and Country Classics Vital. They, and Turi's second horse Kruger, arrived back from the Games a week ago looking fighting fit after their 16-hour flight.

Even so, Michael Bullman, the owner of Turi's horses, had not wanted to take Vital to Wembley — only changing his mind when the organizers refused to stretch the rules and allow Turi's other horse Mill Ruby, a grade B, to compete.

Nick Skelton and Malcolm Pyrah, the other two members of the British Olympic team, will both ride their second strings. For Skelton it will provide a chance to assess Serenade, the nine-year-old mare, a recent purchase from Paul Schockemöhle's yard while Pyrah, whose Olympic horse, Tasterlands Anglerike is to be retired, will ride Towerlands Diamond Seeker and it's Me.

Chief among the other 37 British showjumpers are the brothers Michael and John Whitaker and Harvey Smith and his son, Robert. John is riding Next Milton and, having last competed with him at Luxembourg at the end of August, comes to Wembley fresh and eager for a win. Michael's top horse is Next Warren Point, on whom he is aiming for a second successive win in Saturday night's Everest Double Glazing grand prix, the closing event of the show.

FINA also opens the way for swimmers to garner income through competitive performance as well as endorsements, an area of potential conflict which the British code of eligibility attempts to deal with.

In introducing the code of eligibility, however, the ASFCB and later the ASA, will require swimmers in the international squad to sign a document binding them to appear at certain meetings during the year. In a burgeoning future list which will include FINA's own World Cup series, swimmers in greater demand, such as Adrian Moorhouse, the Olympic gold medal-winner, are sure to have offers to compete elsewhere.

Yet Moorhouse is to be presented with the same document which new members of the junior squads will also be asked to sign. The potential for contractual problems is great, and some leading members of the British team may prefer not to sign the code at all.

FINA WORLD CUP: 1988-89 meetings: December 15-17: Toronto; 18-20: Indianapolis; January 4-6: Perth, Australia; 27-29: Eindhoven, Netherlands; February 2-4: Paris; 6-8: Bern; 10-12: Bonn; 14-16: Gothenburg; 6-8: Vienna; 20-22: London.

SWIMMING

Conflicts rise over new code

RUGBY LEAGUE

Tie at Headingley could be the pick

By Keith Macklin

While the preliminary and first round draws of the John Player Special Trophy yesterday threw up its usual mixture of uninspiring fixtures, the first round promises three excellent contests between first division sides.

If Castleford win their preliminary round game at Workington, and it would be remarkable if they failed, the stage will be set for a marvellous clash at Headingley between Leeds and Castleford, Halifax, last year's challenge cup finalists, have an attractive home draw with the most improved side in the rugby league, Salford.

The third excellent match between first division teams brings yet another meeting at Rinkpool between Warrington and Oldham, who met each other in the John Player, the Lancashire Cup and the challenge cup last season.

Another highly first division battle will be between Widnes and Featherstone Rovers, with Rovers almost certain to dispose of second division Halesowen in the preliminary round.

The two amateur sides who enter the competition by virtue of reaching the final of the National Cup are drawn together. However, the winners have to travel in the first round to visit Sheffield Eagles.

The holders, St Helens, visit their Tyneside colleague, John Rutherford.

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RUGBY UNION

Bainbridge stands by

There is still no place in the Durham side for Steve Bainbridge, the British Lion lock forward, who made himself available for the county when he returned to Gosforth this season after a spell with Wyke.

Bainbridge is named as a replacement for the Derby game against Northumberland at Percy Park tonight.

The only other change from the team which defeated Yorkshire in the opening match is the injured Stuart Harnes, of Durham City, who is replaced by the Durham University student, Phil De Glanville.

Stand-off half, David Johnson, has been recalled by Northumberland. The former England B player, replaces Chris Leslie, of Tyneside. The only other change is at wing, where Mark Richards, recovered from a neck injury, resumes in place of

his Tyneside colleague, John Rutherford.

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CRICKET

Injury to Reid mars day for Australia

From Richard Streeton
Lahore

Australia had their most rewarding day in the series yesterday, when they finished the fourth day of the third Test match 279 runs ahead and secured victory. Reid, with only one day left, though, time and an easy-paced pitch still look likely to marinate against a definite result.

The only setback Australia suffered was a recurrence of back trouble for Bruce Reid, the left-arm fast bowler. Reid retired with muscular spasms in his back after starting the disintegration of the Pakistan innings. They lost their last seven wickets for 68 runs and were all out for 233, 107 runs behind. Australia reached 132 for three by the close.

Just under eight hours remained when Australia began their second innings, which was launched by Boon and Marsh with their second half-century stand in the game. They took more risks than usual and it was Pakistan's turn for the first time to look fallible in the field. Boon was finally bowled by Javed Miandad at backward point as he tried to steer Jaffer away. Jones, on a pair, was leg-before first ball as he played back to an incoming ball that cut back. In six Test innings, Jones has made 44 runs, he has been leg-before four times and gone home with a Test average of 8.80.

Border, deprived Jaffer of a last-duck with a short and was looking for quick runs when he fell in identical fashion to the first innings. He pushed forward against Tausseef and was caught behind. Marsh, who missed in the slip at 35 and 60 but finished 75 not out.

Pakistan's unexpected collapse began when three wickets fell in successive overs after only seven runs had been added to their overnight 165 for three. Reid, bowling at his liveliest, brought dismayed groans from the crowd when he dismissed Miandad, caught by Healy, in his second over.

Salim Malik was brilliantly caught by Dodsmaide, who clung right-handed to a fierce, low drive, as he followed through and when Seccin Younis, who had driven with head in the air, in Reid's next over and was caught behind. Pakistan had lost three wickets in seven balls.

Shortly afterwards Reid, formerly walked off for treatment. His four hostile overs brought him two for 10 and his departure meant that the Australian attack lost its cutting edge. Abdul Qadir was able to stay 81 minutes before the new ball was taken and Dodsmaide immediately had him leg-before to a full toss.

Jaffer shared another dismissal with Javed Miandad, before Dodsmaide moved round the wicket and had Jaffer leg-before to end a two-hour dogged display. May, the off-spinner, took the last two wickets, having taken before and Tausseef Ahmed held at short leg.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 340 (A. R. Border 75, B. R. Marsh 44, S. R. Waugh 80). Second innings 132 (S. R. Waugh 75, B. R. Marsh 44, S. R. Waugh 80).

PAKISTAN: First innings 233 (J. Miandad 75, S. R. Waugh 80, S. R. Waugh 80). Second innings 107 (J. Miandad 75, S. R. Waugh 80, S. R. Waugh 80).

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